

Why have Women's Ministry?

Immanuel has no shortage of ministries through which women can seek, serve, and share. What then is distinctive about Women's Ministry? There are several responses to this question but there are four in particular we find most significant.

Women's Ministry is a place to provide **biblical and theological training *specifically* for women** and to **promote and recommend sound female authors and Bible study resources for women.**

Women's Ministry provides an opportunity for **women to use their spiritual gift of teaching, and**

Women's Ministry is a valuable means for women to **evangelize** other women. Let's take a look at each of these in turn.

1. Women's Ministry is a place to provide **biblical and theological training *specifically* for women.**

- Women can benefit greatly from the faithful example set by a godly woman who teaches God's Word. Titus 2:3, which instructs older, Godly women to teach younger women "what is good" is a biblical mandate, not an optional pursuit. While this teaching can happen informally, Women's Ministry provides an organized context to offer it to all the women in the church. And when the women of the church are increasing in godliness, the church as a whole is blessed. We can build relationships with other women based on the truth of Scripture and we can better support the elders as well as our family and all church members.

2. Women's Ministry is a place to **promote and recommend sound female authors and Bible study resources for women.**

- What we read can shape our spiritual development. Jesse Johnson does a great job recommending excellent books to read. Women's Ministry strives to complement his recommendations by promoting and exposing women to reliable female authors and Bible study resources targeted to women.

3. Women's Ministry provides an opportunity for **women to use their spiritual gift of teaching.**

- Our church holds to a complementarian view of men and women in the church and ordains male pastors and elders. We believe that women and men each play a vital role in the life and health of the church body and that God gives the spiritual gift of teaching to men and women. A healthy church will provide ample opportunities for women to teach other women.

4. Women's Ministry is a valuable means for women to **evangelize** other women.

- An authentic community of women faithfully following Christ has tremendous potential to attract and minister to women who have never trusted in Christ, the hope of the Gospel. In Women's Ministry, we have the privilege to invite women who might never come to a formal service to join a small group Bible study, come to a coffeehouse, or try a MUMS or EMOMS meeting.

We hope this gives you some insight into our Women's Ministry and it also motivates you to want to get involved in Women's Ministry. Our mission is to encourage *all* women to be faithful followers of Christ and that includes you! We hope you will join us as we strive to be Word-filled women who seek him constantly, serve him faithfully, and share him boldly.