

WOMEN AS WITNESSES

NOW
WHAT?

**GROUP
RESOURCE**

Our Liturgy

The Lord is here – His Spirit is with us.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is – there is Freedom!

CONNECT

– 15 MINUTES

Did you spend time meditating on Romans 12 this week?

What did you sense the Spirit speaking?

Did it provoke any specific actions?

What is Jesus speaking to you about hospitality?

REVIEW

– 30 MINUTES

Jesus created a very unique NOW WHAT for women. He was radical and revolutionary in his engagement with women. Post resurrection the very clear instruction to every woman he encountered was, "Go and tell!" This is significant because women were not considered reliable witnesses in court at that time.

- Because of the fall – *Genesis 3:15-16*
 - Hostility between the serpent/Satan and women
 - There would be a power struggle between men and women
- This is restored through the work of Christ – *Galatians 3:27-28*



- Survey of Women who Encountered Jesus in the Book of Luke:
- Elizabeth, from barren to blessed. *Luke 1:39-45*
- Mary, a “lowly servant girl” says yes. *Luke 2:46-48*
- Anna, a widow becomes a worshipper and identifies the infant as the Messiah. *Luke 3:36-40*
- Woman who anoints Jesus’s feet, a sinner lifted from shame, forgiven, saved, peace-filled. *Luke 7:26-50*
- Women who followed Jesus, partners in ministry. *Luke 8:1-3*
- Mary & Martha, invited out of the kitchen to sit at the feet of Jesus along with the male disciples. *Luke 10:38-42*
- The crippled woman, from an inconvenient problem to dear daughter. *Luke 13:12-13*
- The first messengers of the good news. *Luke 24:1-12*

Which of these encounters speak to you personally?

Women, where do you experience the echo of the strategy of the enemy to suppress the glory of God expressed through you?

Men, where do you see Jesus inviting you to echo His heart and voice toward women in your sphere of influence?



ACTIVATION

— 20 MINUTES

The women in these stories were identified as useless, insignificant, abandoned, shamed, and unworthy based on facts and circumstances, but these words were not truths. Jesus revealed the truth of their identity.

If you have viewed anyone in these ways, take time to repent of this attitude and ask Jesus to give you eyes to see them the way He does.

If you have understood your identity according to any of these misidentifies, use the Breaking Agreement tool to remove these lies and ask Jesus what He calls you:

In the name of Jesus, I break every agreement I have made with the lie that I am (useless, insignificant, abandoned, shamed, and unworthy). I command these lies out of my thoughts and emotions, out of my actions and reactions, away from how I see myself and others, and away from my marriage and my children (if applicable). Jesus, I ask that You take this far away from me. What do You have for me instead?

