

Meeting 22 —Final Meeting (Up to 90 minutes)



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thriving
in ministry**

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The Gathering Time—5 minutes

- As people join the meeting, welcome them and create a place of hospitality. When all have arrived, open your time in prayer.
- Today's meeting has various opportunities to **connect** with one another and **reflect** on our season as a group. When it has been a good experience, it can be hard to end the group, but it is important that we wrap up our time well, acknowledging God's presence in the midst of this community and identifying expectations for our group members in the future.

Reflections—10 minutes

- Telling our Story
 - Think back over the last two years together. Do you have a memory from our meeting together that stands out to you from our time? Would you share it?
 - How have you grown since we first met? What role did this group play in that growth?
 - When we first met, we shared the following Group Rules. Would you reflect on them...how did we do?
 - Maintain confidentiality. No one else present in room during meeting. What is shared in group, stays in group, unless there is a safety concern.
 - Be present. Attend the groups and don't multitask during the meeting.
 - Don't judge. Respect others' actions, choices, and theology.
 - Don't pastor each other. Just create a safe space to share.
 - Pray for each other.
 - Did you add anything?

Sharing Gifts—60 minutes

- It has been a privilege to walk through this season with one another and we've been blessed by many gifts, most notably the community of these women. We want to have some time for naming some specific gifts that we've seen in one another. Think of this as an affirmation, a gratitude, or a calling forth the best from one another.
 - You can share the gifts two ways, in a written format and verbally. The facilitator can open a "White Board" on Zoom (you may need to look in advance how to open a White Board—it may be an option on your menu, or,

it may be in the “More” section—with the three dots). Identify one person to be the first one whose gifts you’re lifting up. Type their Name in the middle of the whiteboard and ask each person to write a word or phrase that describes some gifts that you see in this person...something for which you’re grateful. After your group is done, invite each person to (briefly) share the words as an affirmation of her presence among you. Ask someone to pray for your first group member. You can save the whiteboard and send it to the group member as a tangible expression of the affirmation. Whomever prays can be the next person to go.

- You may need to set a time limit so that there is time to share about each group member. Consider the following option:
 - Instruction and invitation for writing for first group member (5 minutes)
 - Verbal sharing about first group member (4 minutes)
 - Prayer, saving Zoom whiteboard (3 minutes)
 - Writing affirmation for second person (2 minutes)
 - Verbal sharing about second group member (4 minutes)
 - Prayer, saving Zoom whiteboard (3 minutes)
 - Repeat. 😊
- If you have 5 group members and you are included as the leader, this will take about an hour
- If you would prefer not to use the Zoom Whiteboard option, you could eliminate it and just provide time for people to identify gifts, which are shared verbally.

Looking ahead—14 minutes

- We give thanks to God for bringing this group together for this season. After today, we will not formally be an active “group” anymore. Some of us will likely remain connected to one another, others may lose touch. If you’re able to identify what your hopes are for yourself related to the group, could you share briefly about what it could look like for remaining connected to the others in this group?
- Would you consider being a part of another small group of women in the future, like, perhaps a Wesleyan Band? Consider being open to the nudge of the Holy Spirit to invite several other women (perhaps from this group) to form a [discipleship band](#) that meets regularly “who read together, pray together, and meet together to become the love of God for one another and the world.”
- Is there anything that you've not said yet that you'd like to say?

Closing Benediction—1 minute

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)