

Small Group Plan– Lesson 9

OBJECTIVE:

1. To hear from a guest speaker about how she is making a difference for the kingdom
2. To understand the path to and definition of abundant life
3. To embrace the truth that without vision, we fail to really live
4. To gain insight into the Sweet Spot of participant's Compass of a Woman on a Mission

SUPPLIES:

Woman on a Mission

Facilitators: Missional Vision Boards, if completed

SUMMARY:

Lecture and commentary

Compass of a Woman on a Mission

Mission Statements and My Essence

1. Ask, What was most significant to you from the lecture and the guest speaker's comments?
2. Ask, From the commentary on Day One, what did you highlight and why?
3. Touch on Stop Sign 2.
4. Say, The verses we looked up on the next few pages are key to our journey. Let's discuss these briefly so that we clearly see what Jesus was about while on earth and what we are to be about as His followers. Note especially questions 4, 5 and 11.
5. Discuss highlights from the commentary on pages 137-139.
6. Vision: Discuss commentary and then do Stop Sign 13 regarding future vision.

7. Skipping the compass of a Woman on a Mission, go straight to mission statements to see how many have written one. Celebrate those who have done so, allowing each woman to read her statement. Also, have your women share their my essence statements with their group. For the women who have not been able to articulate a mission statement, have them turn back to the compass on page 150. Brainstorm together ways in which the circles overlap to create a “Sweet Spot” or mission for those women who are struggling.

NOTE: At Fellowship Bible Church, we have a Mission Coach Team of five coaches whose role it is to help women articulate their mission statements and then become engaged in their missions. Toward the end of the semester, we encourage the women taking the class to make appointments with a coach as needed. For a fee, participants in *Woman on a Mission* classes anywhere in the country may engage their services via telephone sessions. To find out more about the coach team, go to www.womanonamission.net and click on *Find a Mission Coach*. The ideal time for participants to engage a coach is after completing Lesson 9 and thereafter.

8. For those women in your group who are still stuck, encourage them to diligently seek God during the next few weeks. I tell my women, “Don’t be so focused on the **fruit**, landing a mission, that you forget the **root**, Jesus Christ.” Also helpful to them is this bit of advice: If you don’t know God’s will for you regarding your mission, go with what you **do** know. What do you know? Have you heard anything at all? Oftentimes, they **have** heard something that directs them to take one action step. Challenge them to

- (1) Take that step and see where it leads,
- (2) Stop worrying about not hearing **everything** they hoped to hear, and
- (3) Seek Christ first.

9. Close in prayer.