

# THURSDAYS TOGETHER



**A time for women to commune in God's love and growth, heart to heart, together.**

*Throughout the last year, almost every Thursday night, women from the West Cobb/Smyrna group have been getting together for a time to engage in laughter, love and lessons rooted in wisdom from God spoken through his lovely vessels. Women, married and single, come to share their depth of experience in God's kingdom and all that they have endured, persevered through, and learned throughout their journey in faith. We talk, we laugh, we cry, we rejoice because we are constantly reminded that despite the circumstances, we are loved by God, we are walking in His will and He is with us. As we celebrate women's history month, we want to celebrate the beauty that we find in being together. Read below to hear the reflections of women from the West Cobb/Smyrna group in what they find to be the most joyous aspects of our time together. We welcome all those interested to come and join us in this beautiful time together in fellowship. We meet every Thursday from 7:00pm-8:30 via zoom. All women are welcome and invited. Please reach out for zoom info.*

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“Women’s Thursday night D-Group’s have been a time of complete refreshment. It’s when women from all stages of life get together. I have heard so many thought provoking testimonies and encouraging words. All the women really pouring into each other and growing spiritually. I remember when I first joined the group. I was extremely nervous. However, through our talks and discussions, I realized how God has placed these women in my life for such a time as this. These women have been vulnerable and raw with their experiences. It is an open space to speak your mind, learn, and grow in the Lord. I have personally learned how to be romanced by God, how to be marinated in his word, and finding confidence to speak out with boldness in him. “Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Corinthians 13:11 . These women have been a true blessing. God has used each one of these ladies to pour into my life in some way.

**- Liz Thompson**

Thursday nights for me have been filled with times of encouraging fellowship. We “let our hair down” and open our hearts to God’s presence. I’ve learned so much from these women who are funny, vulnerable and supportive. I’m reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5:11, which says “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” Our talks are an amazing space to share our lives, be challenged by God’s word and encouraged to remain grounded in the faith.

**-Sherry Miller**

Thursday Nights for me has been love, laughter and sisterhood at it's best! We are able to be open, honest, gracious and supportive of one another! When I think of Thursday Nights the scripture that comes to mind is Zephaniah 3:17. "It says the Lord your GOD is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves, He will take great

delight in you, in his love he will take great delight in you, in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing!" Every Thursday we get to hear GODs angelic voice singing over us all!!!!

**-Shanda Davis**

"COVID-19 is hard but so great how God encourages us through the storm. Coming together with these ladies weekly has been amazing. I've learned so much from our amazing single sisters. Their faith in God and perseverance to stay connected to God and each other is worth imitating"

**-Anne Coleman**

For me, our Thursday night time has reminded me of the relationship and story of Ruth and Naomi. Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi did not have much in common. They were different ages, from different cultures, had differing experiences in life, but their love for the same man drew them together. They used just what they had to encourage one another. On Thursdays nights, our love for God is what has drawn us closer together as we all seek to glorify him and love one another with honest and vulnerable, encouraging conversations.. As Naomi grieved her circumstance, Ruth was there to care, willing to stay with her but Ruth also saw God's hand move. The last year has definitely brought an abundance of grief for each of us in various ways. We have certainly had to grieve a sense of what was normality but just as Naomi/Ruth showed us that grief doesn't mean the absence of joy or God's good plan still being fulfilled, the time on Thursday has been a reminder that even in our grief as a result of the challenging circumstances, God has still had great purpose and great plans. Some of us have had to persevere through difficult days just to show up on Thursday nights but we do it because we know that every time we do, we get to anticipate the beauty of being pointed back toward our Father and a reigniting of our faith. I am so grateful. I didn't know what I needed to make it through these tough times but God did and Thursday night talks, woman 2 woman, have been just that.

**- Rachel House**

Thursday women's group has been a lifesaver for me during this Covid season. When Covid first started and no one was going anywhere, the Thursday nite group gave me something to look forward to since I live alone. In a bleak time, hearing different married sisters life stories and how God worked in their lives gave so much hope! I look forward to Thursday nite every week! We have laughed and cried together and built a friendship that is so special! This group has been a great reprieve for such a time as this!"

**- Jacqueline Guthrie**

The Thursday night D-group has been so helpful for me especially as someone new to the Atlanta area and desiring connection in this isolated time of Covid. To be able to meet sisters and be encouraged through God's word and by our vulnerability has been so therapeutic and I always come away with some wisdom to help me grow in my relationship with God. These times together are real and thought provoking but also a space where we can just laugh with one another and bond. I'm so grateful for these times together and grateful for how we as women can pour out their hearts.

**-Petoria**

**"Together We Get Better"**

