## Coworkers Group Bible Study

## Self-Discovery Groups

Divide participants into 8 small groups and distribute the following Scripture passages among the groups.

Group 1: Gen. 1:26-28, 2:5-25, 3:1-24 (created in God's image; marriage; the fall)

Group 2: Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-47 (the establishment of the church and the Holy Spirit for all)

Group 3: Acts 5:1-11 (Sapphira); Acts 9:36-42 (Tabitha)

Group 4: Acts 12:5, 12-17 (Mary), Acts 16: 11-15, 40 (Lydia)

Group 5: Acts 18:1-4, 18-19, 24-28 (Priscilla); Acts 21:8-9 (prophetesses)

Group 6: Romans 16; Phil. 4:2-3 (Paul's coworkers)

Group 7: 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15; Acts 16:1-3 (Eunice and Lois); 1 Cor. 9:5 (apostles' wives)

Group 8: Instructions for women: 1 Cor. 11:3-5 (women praying and prophesying); Titus

2:2-5 (women teaching women); 1 Tim. 5:9-10 (requirements for widows)

Instruct the groups to read their passages together and answer 2 questions:

- How were Spirit-filled women involved in their local churches and/or mission work?
- 2. What else can we learn about women? (their character, value, how they were spoken of, etc.)

Give the groups 15-20 minutes to read their passages and record their answers.

## **Group Debrief**

Have each small group share their responses with the entire group. Record the answers on a white board. After having all small groups share what they learned, you can also ask the entire group for examples of women involved in each part of the mission task—entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership development, and exit. (There may not be clear examples of women for each part). Record findings on a white board.

## Application

After discussing the biblical texts, instruct the small groups to discuss 2 more questions for application:

- 1. How are women currently serving in your team/church?
- 2. What are 2-3 ways your team/church can better encourage and empower women in serving in their churches and/or mission teams?

Have the small groups share their responses with the entire group. Close with a time of prayer. Praise God for how He is currently using women in your group, and ask for help empowering women to be and do all God desires.

