

Women's
**BIBLE
TEACHER
NETWORK**

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Workbook

Welcome

This *Women's Bible Teacher Network Workbook* is intended as a road map for you as you discern if God is calling you to serve Holy Cross as a Bible Study Leader. If God is leading you in this direction, then this material will prove valuable to equip, train, and encourage you for what lies ahead.

This training covers some important ingredients but does not come close to say all that can be said. Not only is this process profitable for basic theological training, I pray it will help prepare you to more faithfully discern God's Word and share it with others. With that in mind, it ought to be handled with humility and an eagerness to learn and hear from God in your training.

Completion of this training does not guarantee or assume that you will become a Women's Bible Study Leader. Becoming a Bible Study Leader will be determined by the following:

Are you qualified?

This training will help discern if a person has the biblical qualifications as outlined in chapter two.

Are you called?

This process is critical for a person to assess her own calling as well as the Holy Spirit to affirm this calling internally and externally through the witness of others (ie. effectiveness in ministry, assessment of current officers, affirmation of gifts).

Are you a good fit?

A person's competency, calling, and character are not the only factors that will make a Bible Study Leader a good fit for Holy Cross. We will value, and pray for, a variety of gifts and personalities to be represented among our leaders. It is good for a woman to mesh well with the current leaders in temperament, friendship, and philosophy of ministry. We will also discern, along with you, if this is a good time in your life to take on this extra responsibility.

We ask you to come into this process with humility and eagerness to learn, submitting to the current elders at Holy Cross and trusting in their input and assessment throughout the process.

One final piece of exhortation: Pray. This is not a long training, but that doesn't mean that God can't work mightily in it. We encourage you to set aside thoughtful time to meet with the Lord in solitude, silence, and reflection—multiply times per week. This is going to be a critical time not only for your own sharpening, but also for you to be available to hear from the Lord.

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