



# IDEA SHEET

## Ladies' Ministry

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### Ladies' Retreat Schedule Template

- **Friday Evening.** 4:00pm – Set up tables and t-shirts, stuff goodie bags. 4:30pm – Check-in begins. 6:30pm – Dinner. 7:25pm – Welcome and other information. 7:30 – Worship Team. 7:45pm – Session 1 speaker. 8:30pm – Begin discussion groups. 9:30pm – Dismissal for socialization.
- **Saturday Morning.** 8:00am – Breakfast. 9:00am – Welcome, early bird door prize, announcements, icebreaker game. 9:15am – Worship. 9:30am – Session 2 speaker. 10:30am – Begin discussion groups. Noon – Dismiss for lunch.
- **Saturday Afternoon & Evening.** 1:00pm – Door prize and special song or video. 1:05pm – Worship. 1:20pm – Session 3 speaker. 2:30pm – Free time and dinner on your own. 7:00pm – fun evening time (see suggestions below).
- **Sunday Morning.** 8:00am – Breakfast. 9:00am – Welcome, early bird door prize, announcements. 9:15am – Worship. 9:30am – Session 4 speaker. 10:15am – Reflection over what the Lord has done during the past couple of days. 10:30am – End time. 11:00am – Check out of hotel.
- **Suggestions for Saturday Evening Fun.** Options for this excursion will vary depending on the location of your retreat. If you are planning your retreat in an urban area, you might consider visiting an opera house or a live theatre. If your retreat is taking place in a rural area, consider planning a horseback riding adventure. More cost-effective options would include shopping at a local mall or going on a nature walk, respectively.
- **More Suggestions for Planning Your Retreat.** If you are using this retreat as a means of evangelism, consider revising your schedule to include an altar response for those who are unsaved. You might also include discussions that are specifically designed to deal with salvation. However, be careful not to push the agenda too strongly if your unsaved guests seem uninterested. You want this experience to be a fun one for them!

### Ladies' Ministry Calendar:

- **November:** Host a women's Christmas shopping trip. This can be done before the holiday rush, or you can have this event on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. This can also be an effective outreach tool, as your ladies can invite unsaved family members or friends to join in on the fun as well.



**Remember the Goals.** It can be so easy when planning a ladies retreat to get caught up in all of the details that matter in the moment, but not in the long-haul. Before you even begin planning your ladies retreat, you should consider sitting down with a planning committee and outlining specific goals for your ladies retreat. This way, you can always look back on them as you plan the entirety of your retreat. What's better, when the ladies' retreat is completed, you can have a set of goals to reference when you perform evaluations of the event. Your attendees' evaluation forms can be created with the pre-determined goals as a guideline.

### Resource Files for You

LAMA33.txt

"Ladies Retreats"

*The art of retreating and having fun!*

LAMA59.txt

"Plan Ladies Events Like a Pro"

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