

## Flourish Women's Bible Study

Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin

Facilitated by Jackie Nelson and Team

We are so glad you are joining us as we study God's Word together. We'll be reading Jen Wilkin's book Women of the Word and using her tools to guide us through the stories of the Bible.

Using WOTW Chapters 1 and 2 as a guide, we're hoping to encourage each other using the following Group Norms.

We DO intend to:

1. Remember that the Bible is primarily a book about God, not me
2. Remind each other to let our minds guide our hearts.
3. Let Scripture and the Spirit be our Teachers and Textbook and agree to try Wilkin's methods as our Tools.

We will encourage each other to NOT fall into the following pitfalls:

1. We will not treat the Bible like a book of only warm fuzzies but encourage each other to read on hard days, through hard passages, and when the reading leaves us anything but warm and fuzzy.
2. We will read in context as much as possible working through sections of scripture to gain deep understanding.
3. Look for how the Bible tells us who to be, not what to do; working towards changing our hearts as decision-makers, not finding the answer to every decision.
4. We will remember that Scripture is foundational and address topics as they come up in scripture rather than seeking scripture that fits into our topic.
5. We will love the Lord with all of **our** minds, seeking Him as He has revealed Himself in His Word. HIS WORD is authoritative, and while other commentaries or popular speakers or insightful music can be encouraging, they are not the inspired Word of God. We will encourage each other to look for God directly in the text with no games of Telephone in between
6. We will not forget that ALL scripture is God-breathed and that the gospel story we need to hear over and over again runs from Genesis to Revelation.

Each meeting, we are hoping group members come prepared having read a portion of WOTW and studied the sections of scripture for the session. We will discuss together what God is teaching each of us through his word. None of us will be teaching, and we stand in unity that the Bible is the authority in the room.

We look forward to growing closer to each other and the Lord during our time together!