

What Are the Needs Of Those Around Us?

Based on the needs and resources of our PWOCs, what might He be calling all of us to do as a response to the common spiritual needs most of these ladies seem to have?

- PWOCs need to reach out and serve by making ourselves more present in the they will be more interested in attending.
- Women have past hurts that need continued healing from those hurts. - greater understanding of God, our ladies are hungry and not afraid to go deeper to learn more about him. Random acts of kindness.
- Practical and attractive opportunities to reach out to the community.
- There is a need for the women to feel safe, accepted and loved where they can be authentic and learn more about their identity in Christ.
- Leaders need to be more purposeful in our PWOCs by physically going to the ladies attending and actively listening to them bringing them in as a member of that Body and not just an attendee.
- Leaders need to be more personally "invested" in the relationships too. This is part of mentoring as well.
- Every need can be met with focusing our eyes on Jesus.
- Accountability is imperative. Constantly redirecting back to Jesus.
- There is a need to cultivate and encourage relationship with Christ and help others grow in Him
- There seems to be the need for practical theology (to know God) and a deeper more comprehensive study of the Word (to walk with God). A "hunger" for His Word seems to be prevalent. – *Practical Theology*
- There is disconnectedness and busyness in some of the descriptions.... possibly an identity issue. The pursuit of value in what's going on around them and in them. - *A Sense of Hope(connection) in Christ*
- There is a need for mentoring in our PWOCs. Not sure if it's for the same reason at each installation but there seems to be a lack of it. – *Discipleship*

- A need to truly embrace the 'Body of Christ' concept....learning to live in the reality that all our members can contribute and learn from each other in an environment of love and unity
- A need for authenticity and vulnerability.
- A need for a deeper understanding of the Word....I have heard many women talk about the 'holes' in their knowledge of the Bible and the ability to apply it to their own life.
- A need to cultivate a lifestyle of prayer. Ladies are very fearful to pray out loud because we often put ladies up front who have eloquent emotional prayers and they feel they must pray like that in a relationship with the Lord. We should be helping them to cultivate a lifestyle of prayer with the Father.
- A need to study more of the books of the Bible and less topical studies. We are not teaching women to read the Bible but read pieces of it with someone's take on it. The Bible was not designed to pick out topics and study them but to cultivate an intimate relationship with the Lord.
 - A need to grow Bible teachers because they themselves feel inadequate but would defer to a topical.
- Christian women (in maturity, not age) need to come alongside our younger Christian sisters at a level they are comfortable with. It is only in the context of a loving, trusting relationship that we can help bring women along from milk to meat.
- A need to know scripture.... Scripture study without the context of a vibrant, living relationship with our Savior is just an academic pursuit, not a transforming, living, breathing intake of spiritual nourishment.
- A need to have sisters in Christ to keep pointing us back to Jesus when the chaos and trouble of life is clamoring for our attention.
- Ladies are HUNGRY for Truth that makes a difference in their everyday lives and need more straight Bible studies rather than topical.
- A need to understand (theology, evangelism, gifts) and experience (worship, healing, prayer, forgiveness) God and His ways more deeply.
 - Cultivating authenticity in conversations and actions.
 - a willingness to share our weaknesses and God's strength in our flaws
 - Being open about His mercy and love.
- A need to be "real" with one another in this case, Honest, "transparent but not naked".
- A need to reach out to our community.

- A need to make the Word of God our standard.

- A need to find balance between understanding our calling/identity in Christ and living out that calling by how we live both inside and outside the body of Christ.
 - To connect Biblical knowledge to application.
 - To connect to Biblical love for others and service.

- A need for the understanding of Biblical priorities

- A need for Fellowship, Discipleship, Mentorship, Accountability

- A need to reach out into the community to find other people hurting

- A need to get more women to be vulnerable and discuss more knowing it's a safe place! - earn their trust.

- A need for volunteers.