

With Whom Has He Placed You?

Who is your audience?

- An age gap between young 30s and over 50.
- Many civilians and less soldiers (wives that don't necessarily have the military in common)
- Older ladies (over 60) who seem to be more traditional, weary from leading, and more comfortable with the one on one/ self-led style Bible study.
- Younger ladies (under the age of 40) who seems to be more flexible, contemporary, and want more group discussion and understanding.
- Small amount of base with a larger spread-out community.
- Many have a shallow understanding of the Word or are not able to apply it to life.

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- Women in their 20s and 30s, a few over 40,
 - Many officer and chaplain wives
 - A few young enlisted spouses
 - Most are either in a deployment, just coming out of one, or about to go into one
 - A desire among new believers to study God's word for themselves but uncertain of where to begin
 - Women wanting to do more than know the truth but walk it out in their daily lives
 - Some can articulate the gospel well while others cannot or may not have a full understanding of the gospel
 - Technology driven and technology drained women.

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- Women who vary from their 20's to 60's - enlisted, officer, and civilian
 - 60% percent were new to PWOC
 - Stress and loneliness among many junior enlisted with husbands gone prolonged periods of time, home short periods, gone again
 - Women who are hungry for God's word
 - Women who are grounded and strong in the Word of God
 - Younger ladies desiring to be mentored and co-facilitate with more experienced ladies (Facilitator team of 23 ladies 1/4 of the ladies attending)
 - A desire to serve and relate to other women
 - Live in a "fish bowl" American community is small and because of the lack of employment seems to create a reevaluation of identity.

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- Few active duty but spouses of or were themselves military officers, Senior NCOs, or civilian employees. (Only installation with full services and family housing in the area so civilian families from all 5 uniformed services (AR, AF, Navy, Marines & CG).
 - Ages range from late 20s to 40s with a few outliers.

- Most are college educated some with advanced or professional degrees.
- Very few members are new to the Services and abt 30% are close to retirement
- Approx. 75% have infants, preschoolers and middle schoolers; a few home school; and abt 25% have children/teenagers that require special educational or health care services
- Some are fostering and adopting processes and need additional support
- Deployments are few but the low number cause additional stress because fewer are in the "deployed" support system
- Cost of living is very high so financial issues do occur

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- Very large Army post. One of the biggest in land size, permanent party population is probably medium
 - Huge variation in ages and stages!!
 - Junior Enlisted, brand new to the Army type families as well as international population
 - Upper Officers, the Sergeant Major's Academy, etc.
 - All types from brand new wives with no kiddos
 - new mamas having their first
 - homeschool group
 - Wives who have survived multiple deployments and moves who have much to give but may feel overlooked or too busy and some transitioning to retirement and empty nests.
 - Large retiree population in EP area but not currently attending PWOC
 - Majority at PWOC are younger with littles but we do have some in each stage/rank/season. (Appreciation for each stage and their challenges and charms is lacking imho).
 - Connecting is the biggest "need" that's generally articulated but the sheer size of the post and scatterdness of housing makes it hard. Lots of off post living.
 - Need for community/mentorship.
 - Deployments are ongoing, always someone coming and going. (ex: we have people in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Germany/Poland and Korea right now). Reintegration isn't addressed well.
 - Lots of stress on those families attending USASMA
 - Ladies who are scared to live in a border town
 - Disillusioned first timer gals who feel lost in the desert and haven't learned good coping skills yet. – just learning to trust God's sovereignty.
 - Those lacking the skills to really study the Scripture for themselves

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- Wide range of ages in Active Duty, Civilians and Spouses and different marital and parental statuses
 - Due to the high turnover it's hard to maintain close friendships and loneliness is a reoccurring theme.
 - Many are missing family (immediate (husbands and kids) or extended (parents) and fiends.

- Worry about loved ones stateside and not being able to physically help
 - Health, peace, and strength are mentioned often in prayer requests
 - Real hunger to know God and understand his will.
 - Small, but committed group of Korean ladies that join us for fellowship & worship in English
 - Watch care ages range widely from year to year (very active homeschool room last year; tons of babies this year).
 - Diverse "church" background; from styles of worship, depth of personal relationship to not much knowledge at all.
 - This is a first time PWOC experience for many ladies.
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- Diverse in ages/stages in life, spiritual maturity levels, ethnicity, rank of husbands, education levels, etc.
 - Large group of active, invested retirees (even the retirees are diverse in age) as well as some civilians.
 - A need to be intentional to continue to empower and equip the younger generation
 - Challenging to foster a sense of community within the group.
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- Large PWOC
 - A need for the older women to feel more valued and useful and not be forgotten and more active vital role.
 - Not too many permanent party individuals here, some retirees, and a good portion of the body makes up our yearly incoming and outgoing (those here for CGSC or SAMS).
 - The need to feel connected and cared for is strong.
 - Good number of foreign language ladies (some who don't know English well).
 - Diverse group of women all from different stages in life.
 - Strong desire amongst our group of ladies to honor God, and to do His will.
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