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Ninety Innovative Devotions for Women's Groups

Devotions Galore! from Group Publishing Brings Women Together

Nashville, TN – Group Publishing has launched *Devotions Galore!*, a book full of ninety devotions for women's groups, divided into 30 warm-ups, 30 wrap-ups, and 30 prayer ideas to grab the hearts and minds of women, leaving a lasting impression and pointing women toward a deeper relationship with God.



Devotions Galore! covers 30 relevant topics for today's women, with each topic covered in three different ways. The warm-ups include skits and activities for women's groups on spiritual topics, like a lesson on friendship through the use of interlocking blocks. Each warm-up includes interactive questions for group discussion.

The second section offers wrap-ups, illustrating different ways to end a discussion or study, including interactive activities with challenging take-aways. The final section offers prayer ideas that engage women's hearts to express their thoughts and emotions to God in creative ways. Many of the prayer ideas are interactive, while others are reflective.

Women's ministry leaders and small group leaders will discover an invaluable resource:

- Women's groups will quickly connect and go deeper in friendships and faith.
- Engaging devotions on a variety of topics, presented in three different formats.
- Perfect for meetings, Bible studies, parties, retreats and anytime women are gathered.

The topics covered in *Devotions Galore!* include:

- Worry
- Wisdom
- Love
- Loneliness
- Forgiveness
- Purity
- Beauty
- Contentment
- Purpose
- Spiritual Growth
- Friendship
- Trust
- Community
- God's Plan
- Grace
- Hope
- Service

Group Publishing has also provided a Scripture Index at the end of the book. Any devotion that uses a specific Bible passage or that has been tailored to fit with a group of verses compiled in a list that easily incorporates Scripture into the study or gathering.

About *Devotions Galore!*

Devotions Galore: Warm-Ups, Wrap-Ups, and Prayers for Women's Groups. Published by Group Publishing. June 2008. Paperback, 112 pages, 6 x 9. \$19.99. ISBN: 978-0-7644-3695-6. Religion / Christian Ministry / Adult.

If you like *Devotions Galore!*, you'll also like *Icebreakers Galore!* and *Crafts Galore!*, also published by Group Publishing. Be sure to visit www.girlfriendsunlimited.com. Find other great women's ministry resources at www.group.com/women.

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Suggested Interview Questions

For editors of *Devotions Galore!*

1. Tell us about the idea for *Devotions Galore!* How did the idea evolve?
2. What sort of events is this resource perfect for? What preparation tips would you have for leaders using the devotional?
3. How do women create their own group?
4. What's the ideal size for a women's small group?
5. There are 30 topics covered in *Devotions Galore!*, using three different communication methods. Could you explain the difference between the warm-ups, wrap-ups and prayer methods outlined in the book?
6. Worry is a central concern for women. How can reassuring words and activities help women cope with worry in their lives?
7. The back of the book includes a Scripture reference for readers on the topics covered in the devotional. How does the book integrate Scripture into the various activities and studies?
8. How is God's grace like chocolate?
9. Could you give us an example of one of your favorite activities in the book?
10. There are two other books in this series, with *Crafts Galore* and *Icebreakers Galore*. Do all three of these resources work together?

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Devotions Galore! Excerpts & Topical Story Ideas

- **Integrity:** A woman with integrity strives to develop her inner life, not just her outward appearance. (p. 22)
- **Obedience:** Our lives are full of many different voices and influences which often make it difficult to listen only to the voice of God and do what he says. (p. 27)
- **Purpose:** Have women get into small groups of four or five. Have each group work together to create a list of at least 10 famous women and what they are famous for doing. See if you can guess what each woman might say was her purpose in life. Second, discuss how you think these women knew what their purpose was. (p. 32)
- **Worry:** Worry weighs a person down and an encouraging word lifts a person up. This warm-up demonstrates physically how women feel emotionally when we worry and how encouraging words can relieve that burden. (p. 42)
- **Contentment:** In today's world, contentment can be hard to come by. New cars, new clothes, new houses, The Joneses. It's a world of more, more, more—and it's hard to stay satisfied. Use this wrap-up to challenge women to explore their areas of discontent and to counter them with gratitude, realistic expectations, and knowledge of their true identity in God. (p. 47)
- **Grace:** God's grace is a lot like chocolate—it's sweet, extravagant, and the perfect gift. This wrap-up uses chocolate as a gift of grace to someone else. (p. 53)
- **Kindness:** An act of kindness can change a day. It's refreshing and invigorating for everyone involved. Use this wrap-up as a time for women to commit to acts of kindness during the upcoming week. (p. 47)
- **Love:** When we are loving to others, it's like the beautiful aroma of flowers—not overpowering, but noticeable. This wrap-up encourages women to put love into action with a simple, aromatic gift. (p. 59)
- **Unity/Community/Body of Christ:** Growing together, living together, serving together. God calls us to unity as a body of Christians. Use this wrap-up experience to help women discover a sense of community. (p. 72)
- **God's Plan/God's Will:** God's plan for our lives can be hard to discern. With this prayer, women can pray for each other, asking God to guide them in all areas of life. (p. 83)
- **Peace:** Peace isn't a sappy feeling of contentment...it's when God stills the storms of anxiety inside us as we rely on him. Use this prayer to help women ask God to give them peace in life's storms. (p. 94)
- **Sharing Your Faith:** Even though it can be scary to share our faith, it can also be life-saving for someone else. This prayer will help women identify people to whom they can offer the life-saving message of Jesus' love. (p. 100)

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