

Calvary Monterey's Women's Mentor Ministry

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At Calvary Monterey, one very important aspect of our Women's Ministry is our Mentoring program. What is a mentor? Great question! Webster's Dictionary defines *mentor* as "a trusted counselor or guide."

The Bible shows us that God, Himself, serves as a guide for us and has given us Jesus as our example to be our ultimate Counselor:

Isaiah 9:6 describes the Messiah: "And His name will be called Wonderful, **Counselor**, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Psalms 48:14 describes God in this way: "For this *is* God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our **guide** *even* to death."

But we also see that it is possible in a community, among God-fearing, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled believers, as the Apostle Paul says, "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, **able also to admonish one another.** " (Romans 15:14).

I know that many times we just find ourselves pouring into another young woman that God brings across our path or we meet someone that is older, more mature, wiser than we are and we gravitate toward that person. We seek her out and spend time drinking from and observing her life of faith. That's awesome and I love that. But, my conviction is that mentoring is still valid, Biblical, and necessary, even when it does not happen in such a natural, spontaneous, organic way. I believe that we, as women, have a Biblical mandate (see Titus 2:4-5) to seek out, admonish, counsel, and guide those who are younger in the faith than we ourselves are.

To that end we have felt led to provide a network, a support system, a way for women to discover other like-minded women to assist, encourage, counsel, guide, and instruct other women, one on one, according to the Scriptures. We invite you to join us in this venture of faith and find a mentor.

You can contact us to get more information by emailing: denise@calvary.com. We invite you to take a step of faith, apply for a mentor on our website, and discover the benefits and joy of allowing an older, wiser woman in the faith to encourage you, pray for you,

and study the Bible with you, and enjoy the “sweet counsel of a friend” (Prov. 27:9). Then you can walk through life, not alone, but in fellowship, one on one, with a strong believer in Jesus Christ.

Finally, I will leave you with our Mentoring Ministry theme verse:

Hebrews 13:7 “Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.”

-Denise Buck, Women’s Ministry Director