

*Older women...
are to teach
what is good
and so train
the young women...*

WOMEN OF THE WORD
Seven Mile Road Church

*that the word of God
may not be reviled*

Titus 2

Women of the Word

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the goal

Women of the Word exists to train women to teach women God's Word. The aim then is to train specific women who have a desire to teach to be teachers of God's Word and develop them to be leaders among us. The group is limited to six women due to the intensive nature of the training.

the structure

Meetings: We will meet five times from September to July for training meetings which will be on Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon and will involve training in exposition. In addition we will attend a specific training event for women Bible teachers in Washington DC for three days on November 12-14, 2015.

Reading: All participants will be expected to purchase *Expositional Preaching* by David Helm (Crossway 2014) and come to each meeting having read and engaged with the text assigned. A possible second book to be read will be announced during the course of the year.

Teaching: Each participant will be expected to teach publicly in the form of a talk based on a passage of Scripture (tentatively from Habakkuk). The talk must be expositional in nature where the main point of the talk is the main point of the passage. Prior to teaching publicly, each participant will practice teaching our training group to receive feedback in order to grow in her ability to teach. Teaching God's Word comes with great responsibility and we will take care to gather together to spur one another on with this task.

first steps

Prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this training. There is a healthy amount of work to do with reading, studying, preparing, and teaching. Pray asking God if this is how your time should be spent over the next several months.

Send an email to Pastor Binu (binu@sevenmileroadphilly.org) no later than August 15, 2015 if you would like to participate in this training. The training group is limited to six women. The pastors will let you know of your participation status by the end of August.

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the training schedule

Invitation & Confirmation (August 2015)

- Announce the training track in church and invite anyone interested to contact the pastors.
- Pastors invite six women to participate in the training and ask them to buy the book *Expositional Preaching* by David Helm.

Training Meeting 1 (Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9am-12noon)

- Introductions and discuss goal. Pastor Ajay to present a theology of teaching and vision.
- Present complementarian model for leadership in the church.
- Discuss chapters 1 & 2 of *Expositional Preaching* by David Helm (to be read in advance).
- Give instructions for next steps.

Weekend Retreat (October 2-3, 2015) [Colleen McFadden will be speaking at our retreat]

Workshop on Biblical Exposition (November 12-14, 2015)

- Participate in the Charles Simeon Trust's Workshop on Biblical Exposition for women in ministry at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington D.C.

Training Meeting 2 (January 2016)

- Discuss chapters 3 & 4 of *Expositional Preaching* by David Helm (to be read in advance).
- Present and respond to talks prepared by women.

Mini Retreat (February 2016) [Two women will give talks at the mini-retreat]

Training Meeting 3 (March 2016)

- Discuss a possible second book.
- Present and respond to talks prepared by women.

Mini Retreat (April 2016) [Two women will give talks at the mini-retreat]

Training Meeting 4 (May 2016)

- Discuss a possible second book.
- Present and respond to talks prepared by women.

Mini Retreat (June 2016) [Two women will give talks at the mini-retreat]

Final Meeting (TBD)

- Enjoy dinner together.
- Give feedback on talks

* Events that are open to all women in the church are in bold