

# Draw Me Near

Leader's Guide

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## Introduction

Leading a Bible study can be fun and rewarding if you know what you are doing. Let me be the first to assure you that you too can conduct your own Bible study! You don't need special training or a particular skill. All you need is a willing heart and a few guidelines. God will do the rest.

This guide is specifically designed to teach you how to conduct a "Draw Me Near" Bible study in your own home, community, or church. It includes step-by-step directions on how to organize this study, how to conduct your first meeting, behind the scenes planning a leader should do between each class, and how to handle various situations that might come your way. It also provides you with weekly discussion questions and even gives you examples on what to write or say when following up with the women of your group.

By nature I am a very shy person, awkward hostess, and poor conversationalist. These guidelines, however, make leading a Bible study easy and fun, even for me. The pages ahead are a compilation of all that I have learned through my twenty plus years of study and leadership. Many of the tips I offer in this guide are things I have observed in those around me who possess the gift of leadership in ways that far surpass my own. Over the years I have watched how they always know what to say at just the right time, how they handle difficult or uncomfortable situations, and even how they manage to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Their example has helped mold me into a more effective leader, and I trust it will do the same for you!