



WELCOME to the 2016-2017 CP Women's Ministry Bible study resource. This 12-session study will help you delve into this year's theme from a scriptural perspective. These studies are appropriate for a variety of settings and groups – monthly meetings, Wednesday night studies, Sunday school. While this resource was written by women for Women's Ministry it is not exclusively a "women's ministry" resource. This year's resource is divided into three sections – Worship, Community, and Missions. Each section contains 4 sessions which build upon each other. We are excited to offer you this educational resource and hope that you will use it and share it with others in your congregation.

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Cassandra Thomas was ordained December 1998, with a call to military chaplaincy, in the Red River Presbytery, TX. She served in the United States Air Force (USAF), first as a line officer. After completing her Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX and all the steps to be ordained as a CPC minister and endorsed by the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP), she became a chaplain in the USAF. In 2008, she retired from active duty after 22 years of honorable service in the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 2013, she was elected to serve on the CPC Commission for Chaplains and Military Personnel as one of three CPC representatives to the PCCMP, that endorses ministers in four Presbyterian denominations to federal and military chaplaincy. She is currently secretary for the PCCMP. In 2015, she was honored to serve as a minister delegate from Red River Presbytery, TX to the CPC General Assembly in Cali, Colombia, South America. Cassandra lives in Fayetteville, NC. Rev. Thomas wrote the "*Community*" section of this year's resource.

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"So let's go outside, where Jesus is..."
Hebrews 13:13a