



## 5 WAYS TO CONNECT WITH A FRIEND OVER THE WORD

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

I know, social media gets a bad rap sometimes. But we can use it in so many ways to enrich our lives. One of my favorite things about social media is the way it helps me stay connected — and I imagine that's one of yours too.

Why not use it for connecting over the Word? Start a small Facebook group or chat with two or three friends and share each morning what you've read and what you're learning. It's such an easy way to both encourage each other and be accountable.

### **USE AN APP**

There are several great apps you can use for Bible study and a lot of them offer ways to share your thoughts with others. The YouVersion app offers countless reading plans (like this one about [praying for your daughter!](#)) You can invite your friends to join you and leave notes for each other right in the app. Easy peasy.

### **COFFEE DATES**

Let's face it, life is better with coffee. And coffee + friends + the Word = amazing! How about setting up a weekly coffee date. Several years ago, a friend who lived across the street invited me to her house every Saturday morning for a time of prayer and Bible study. We met before everyone else in our houses was up and going. I loved the way it set my weekend on the right track.

Maybe you would rather meet in the evening or perhaps bi-weekly works better for you. That's fine — just make the space to connect. You'll be so glad you did!

### **SMALL GROUPS AT CHURCH**

It's possible your church already has a women's Bible study program happening. But you don't have to just meet at the church. Maybe you want to get together at another time with just a couple of other women to dig even deeper into what your group is studying.

### **BOOK CLUBS**

A lot of times when we think about book clubs, we think of novels or biographies. But what if you gathered a few women to meet once a month or even once a quarter to talk about a book of the Bible.

Myquillin Smith aka The Nester says about home decorating, "It doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful." I like to modify that idea for connecting with others over the Word — It doesn't have to be perfect to be useful!

**Just gather and pray and discuss. You'll be amazed at what God will do!**