

Women's Bible Study

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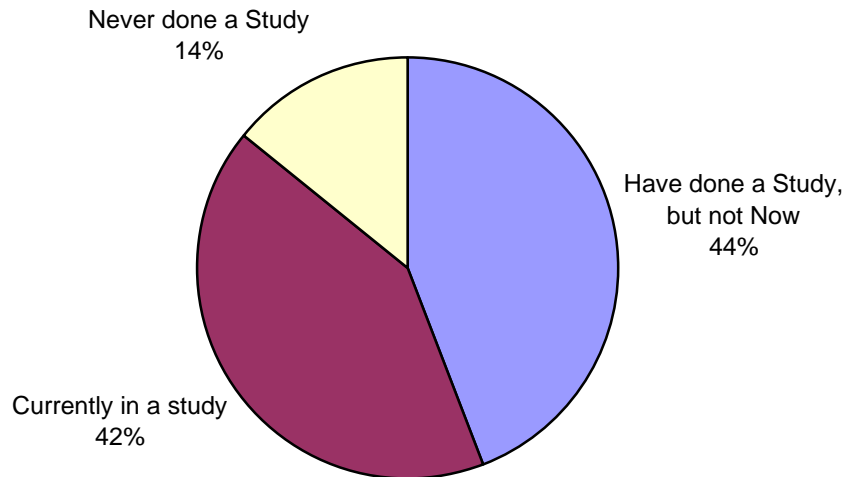
Question

What has been your PAST EXPERIENCE with Bible Studies?

Conclusion:

86% of Women have been in a study at some point and half of those women (105 or 42%) are in a study right now

Prior Experience	Count	
Have done a Study, but not Now	115	44.1%
Currently in a study	109	41.8%
Never done a Study	37	14.2%
Totals	261	100.0%



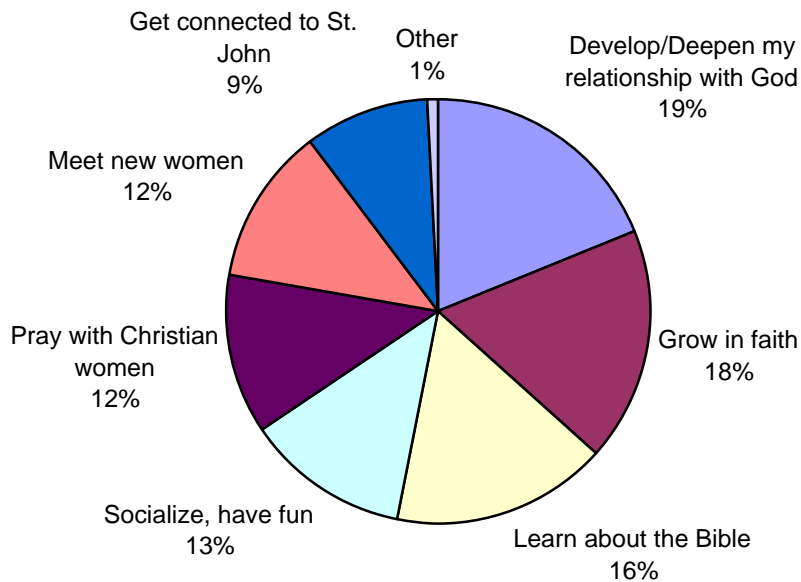
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Question: What Type of bible study would you MOST like to attend?

Conclusion: Almost 40% of Women want to deepen their relationship w Christ or grow in their Faith.
 Spritual reasons to to be in study are about equal in impotance as social reasons among the respondents

Interest Reason:	Count	
Develop/Deepen my relationship with God	240	18.9%
Grow in faith	227	17.9%
Learn about the Bible	205	16.2%
Socialize, have fun	160	12.6%
Pray with Christian women	156	12.3%
Meet new women	152	12.0%
Get connected to St. John	120	9.5%
Other	9	0.7%
Total	1269	



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Question **What Topics would you most like to Study?** (multiple answers possible)

Conclusion: Many of the 11 suggested topics were of general interest. To rank the final results, the choices have been sorted into 3 "groups" of interest: Most , Average, Least
 Like golf, a low score on this scale indicates the best (because a "high" level of interest received a "1")

Surprises: The survey master had expected womens issues and being a Mother to have ranked higher, so these preferences from those who responded will be very helpful

Interest Level	Rank	Topic	Score
Most	1	Book of the New Testament	4.47
Most	2	Prayer	4.97
Most	3	Being a Wife	5.25
Average	4	What does it mean to be Christian	5.4
Average	5	Men/Women of the Bible	5.54
Average	6	Book of the Old Testament	5.61
Average	7	Womens Issues	5.83
Average	8	Being a Mother/Raising Children	6.16
Least	9	Christian Book Club	7.49
Least	10	What does it mean to be Lutheran	7.61
Least	11	World Religions	7.68

Write in topics of Interest:

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"Write in" Bible Study Topic Suggestions	
1	How To Be A Faithful Servent / How To Live A God Pleasing Life
2	Cooking technique issues, some women would like to know how to make bread or pie crust, or knit or crochet, etc. & maybe it could be combined with bible study, or they could be linked to someone who can help them.
3	Ability/coping with juggling work, kids, family, family, etc
4	Improving your relationship with God
5	I prefer studies in any/all books of the bible. I like homework as it keeps me in the Word and/or lecture with interaction.
6	Relationships
7	Beth Moore studies
8	current events and current topics
9	empty nest/ husband-wife relationship
10	Life application new testament
11	Interrelation/connection old testament- new testament. (example scripture in Isaiah pertaining to Christ)
12	Grandparenting
13	Dealing with aging parents.
14	Dealing with problems within marriage
15	* How the Bible was constructed (how books were vetted in and out)
16	* biblical archeology
17	* CS Lewis
18	* A survey of books that are in the Catholic Bible, Mormon Bible, and rejected altogether
19	* Historical christian references outside the bible
20	* The history of christianity
21	* Study of Cults
22	Time to share everyday life and family problems with other Christian women
23	Really, the rankings are irrelevant; I'm interested in all of the above
24	working of the Holy Spirit
25	prophecy/end times
26	doing God's work while single
27	parenting teens.
28	lifestyles in our culture
29	historical studies
30	The book of Revelations taught by a pastor
31	Have you thought about starting a chapter of BSF (Bible Study Fellowship)? I attended at another church and loved it.
32	Current Events
33	In today's world 43% of all women above the age of 20 are single. How does the church relate to this diverse population? Many singles think the church has no/little room for singles - only families.
34	Really the main thing for me is to dig deeper in the Bible- I'd like to be more familiar w/ the people & their stories in it, and to form some friendships w/ other Christians.
35	Dealing with grief
36	How to be a better witness
37	apologetics
38	History of the Bible
39	caring for your body...spiritually and mentally; i.e exercise, diet, parenting classes, etc
40	God & our pets: What does the Bible say about pets/animals? Will pets go to heaven? etc
41	how to listen to God; feeling the holy spirit
42	couples issues
43	Want straight Bible Study - without a lot of fluff. Similar to Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) model. Complex studies for mature Christians!
44	How to be in but not of this world in today's society
45	Current issues/ day to day life as a Christian woman
46	I did not realize there was a difference in being a christian and being a Lutheran
47	Experiencing God, Knowing how to grow closer to our Lord and Savior

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48	Being married to an unbeliever
49	unbelieving families influences/difficulties
50	how to live out your faith w/o the support of your spouse, etc
51	Step-family Life
52	Evangelism/Sharing Faith
53	I want to grow closer in my relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen my knowledge of all He has promised me, So may shine for Him everyday as a mother, sister, daughter, wife and friend.
54	How to be a better servant for God
55	Reaching the unchurched
56	How to slow down in this busy world, in order to have more time for God and family
57	staying strong in these trying times:
58	a deeper study of theology and what things meant in the bible
59	how things in the bible are linked to things/events today
60	Book on survival. Getting through the various stages of life and the challenges and rewards that face you and how others have accomplished the task of getting through with God's help.
61	The Accuracy of the Bible
62	Who is Jesus?
63	How does Jesus fulfill the prophecies?
64	Angels vs Demons
65	currently studying 'Experiencing God'...I look for studies that are in-depth and that are intellectually and spiritually challenging.
66	How to use your Bible
67	Single mom topics please!!!
68	Dealing effectively with non-Christians:
69	A New Testament Studies that includes geography - where things happened, history/culture of the area, more visual clues like maps. Maybe something on 'where Jesus walked'.
70	How to help a person recover their faith while battling (or overcoming) depression
71	Archaeological evidence for the Bible
72	Church's position on abortion
73	The work of the Holy Spirit. How to use that power to live our bold and courageous Christian lives by using
74	Spiritual warfare - how to recognize it - and respond appropriately
75	Being unequally-yoked and the impact on your roles as a wife, mother and believer who cannot fully participate in Christian ministry
76	Christianity in business from a professional women's standpoint

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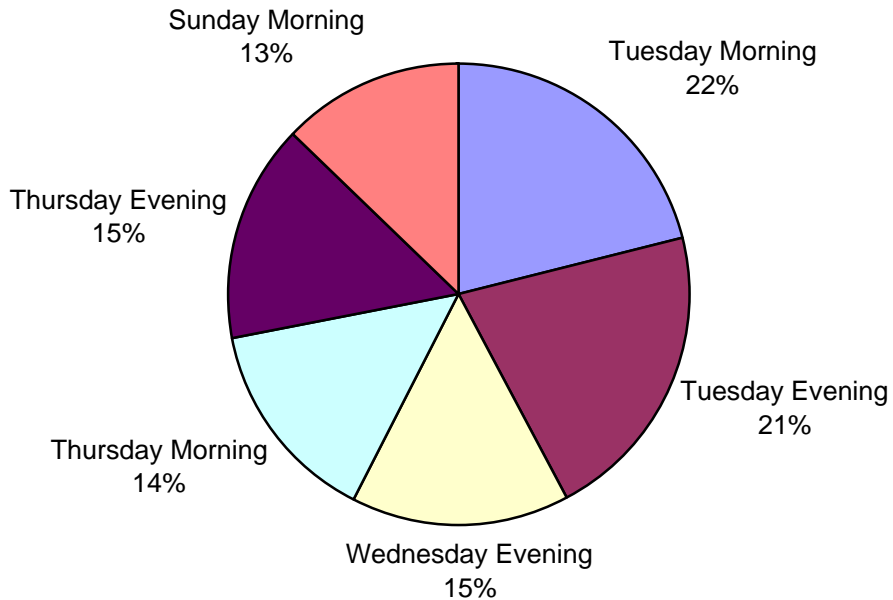
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Question **When is the Best time for a Bible study you would attend?**

Conclusion: Best day is Tuesdays - Morning and evening preferences is about the same. Sunday is the least desirable time

All other choices are about the same in preference

Best Day / Time	Count	
Tuesday Morning	94	21.0%
Tuesday Evening	95	21.2%
Wednesday Evening	69	15.4%
Thursday Morning	64	14.3%
Thursday Evening	69	15.4%
Sunday Morning	57	12.7%
Totals	448	



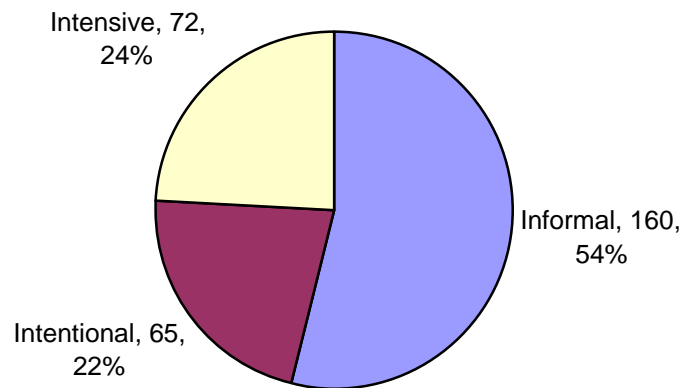
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Question **What INTENSITY of bible study would be of MOST interest to you?**

Conclusion: The Majority (54%) would like a casual study to enjoy learning from God's word. This study format is the primary format that should be added to serve the most women. And to get women who currently are NOT in a study to begin one. However - Many of the comments and write-in topics indicate that "intensive studies" are also highly desired, just by a smaller number of women.

Format	Count	Percentage
Informal	160	53.9%
Intentional	65	21.9%
Intensive	72	24.2%
Total	297	100.0%



The **Informal** study is for you if....

- You are short on time but want to be more consistent in your study.
- You want to get your feet wet.
- You need to get back to the basics.
- You need a break but still want to be held accountable.

Our goal for the casual study is for you to enjoy learning from God's word.

The **Intentional** study is for you if.....

- You want more than a basic devotional study.
- You are ready for the next step.
- You finally have the time to dig in a bit.
- You are willing to commit more time to personal study.

Our goal for the Intentional Study is to spur you on in your personal growth.

The **Intensive** study is for you if.....

- You are really ready to be challenged.
- You are looking for a personal devotion time throughout the week and Biblical homework.
- You took the next step and now need to step out again.

Our goal for the Intensive study is to get you to a new depth in your life journey.

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Question **If you give us your Email, we can send you more info about Bible Studies**

Conclusion: 82% of those that participated freely gave their email so that more information (better communication) about Bible studies could be sent directly to them.

Yes, send More Info	198	82.2%
No, not Now	43	17.8%
Total	241	100.0%