



# Gather Circle Invitation

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What would it look like if Canadian women of faith were stronger together through networks across the country?

- » championing one another in their callings
- » linked together in national pride, unified and diverse
- » using their voices together to transform our communities

You are invited to join women from coast to coast in a pilot of Gather Circles. For the next six weeks will you raise your hand to create a Gather Circle Conversation in your part of Canada?



## Your Circle of women.

The ideal Gather Circle will be 5 to 10 women.

Think of inviting someone from your existing sphere of influence with whom you'd love to spend time with and invest. Consider who you can include that you might not yet know. Think about the woman down the street or the one you bump into regularly at the store.

## Create space to host your Gather Circle.

Carve out 60 to 90 minutes in your week to host and meet.

You might gather in your living room or dining room.

Or maybe your local coffee shop.

We'll talk a bit more in the leaders' guide about creating space for your Circle to thrive.



## A desire to be mutually transformed.

With your Gather Circle Guide you will offer a place for safe conversation, friendship and an opportunity to strengthen spiritual foundations.

You'll journey through Jesus' conversations in the Book of John, as He created space at His table to any and all who would come. Those included by Jesus were often outsiders and outcasts.

## The invitation to a Gather Circle is for women following Jesus from all walks of life.

Whether you're a front pew sitter, or someone who ducks in and out the backdoor. You have a place. Whether you've always felt like you belong, or long to be included. You have a place. Whether you're a young woman or one who feels young at heart. You have a place.

## What you'll get:

Gather Circle Leaders' Guide with a few more ideas and encouragements.

Circle Discussion Guide for 6 weeks: Scripture excerpts, conversation guide, questions and closing prayer.

Opportunities to connect online with other Gather Circles across the country to share and hear stories.

Support from Gather through prayer and our online presence.



## Gather Conversation Circles are the first step toward a broader vision.

**Imagine** raising the voice and profile of Canadian women of faith.

Let's build confidence in our identity as Christ-followers and Canadians by gathering together in small and large spaces across the nation.  
Let's equip women through teaching, development and prayer.

**Inspire** the creation of tangible connections between women across Canada.

Let's use online (podcasts, blogs and stories) and traditional tools (print material) to reduce isolation and develop safe communities in which unique Canadian voices can be heard.

**Ignite** a passion for prayer and God's presence in our communities.

Let's champion one another to confidently step into spheres of service and influence.

**Our prayer is that through Gather Circles you forge tangible and genuine connections.**

*We envision calling forth, encouraging and affirming Canadian women of faith.*

Through teaching, equipping and leading, we hope to develop those gifts that were formed in each of us at birth, for His glory.

We do this not for our own platforms or to create new programs, but to create a new way to be together as Christian women of faith in Canada.

We see lights across the nation that will illuminate the darkness and light up each community and each city, gathering strength and shining even more brightly as we connect from coast to coast.

