

THE WORK OF WOMEN'S HANDS

Objective:

To explore the ways in which God nourishes us and is present to us through bread, traditionally made by women for centuries using scripture, music and poetry. The program explores ways in which women minister to women.

Retreat Overview:

"Work of Women's Hands" is a one, two, or three day retreat led by contemporary Christian singer and songwriter Sam Kauffman, a roster artist with NEAG Music.

"Work of Women's Hands" is ideal for women's ministry programming. If the sponsor has the facilities, the women can make bread during the program.

Retreat Outline:

- Part One: Introductions
It Takes Many Ingredients to Make Bread
Song: "The Work of Women's Hands"
- Part Two: It Takes "Starter" to Make Sourdough Bread
Esther, Deborah and Priscilla
21st Century "Starters"
- Part Three: It Takes "Leaven" to Make Bread
Women of Tradition
Elizabeth, Tabitha, Abigail
How is God Leaven in Our Lives?
- Part Four: Bread Must Be "Kneaded" and Shaped
Women Who Gave Shape to Their Communities
Miriam, Ruth, Hannah
How Does God Give Shape to Our Lives?
- Part Five: When All the Ingredients Come Together
The Impact of Women Ministering to Women
Inspired Rather Than Routine
- Part Six: Prayer Service and a Blessing
Using Bread to Illustrate Ministry
The Work of Women's Hands Prayer Service
A Blessing