

## BUWC Women in Focus Ministry Idea

**JUGS** - Just Us Girls! began as a result of Celebration 2002. During the weekend we all sensed the Lord working in our lives. While waiting at the airport discussing what we had experienced at Celebration, one of the gals suggested that we process our thoughts and meet in a week or so to discuss what we had gained from the weekend. At the second meeting, everyone shared the lessons learned and the blessings received. It was then that one of the gals revealed that she sensed God calling her to fulltime ministry. Sadly, another revealed a troubled marriage that eventually ended in divorce. Sensing the need to gather together again to share and pray together, we decided to meet on a monthly basis. These early gatherings were special because they were Spirit-led. There was no structured program, no planned lesson, no organized prayer time. Sometimes only one or two would speak. Other times we'd all need to share.

JUGS works because it started with a shared experience - a need for gathering together. We are women with the same "heart-set" - to know Christ more fully, to acknowledge and encourage His working in our lives and to share our struggles which become our needs for prayer.

One of the women shared that she came to and stayed with the group for a selfish reason - she needed it. She needed the accountability of knowing the challenges that other Christian women are facing; accepting the responsibility of praying and coming alongside them; the encouragement and fellowship of these women.

JUGS has become a priority in her life. If you are interested in forming a similar group, we strongly encourage women to "Go for it".

- Keep the size between 8 and 10.
- Be respectful and sensitive of others
- Keep information shared strictly confidential.
- Be willing to be open both emotionally and spiritually
- Commit to meeting and sharing
- Honor the Lord in word and deed
- Make prayer the vital part of the group.