



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Thank you for your willingness to host an Anchor Gathering at your church! We are here to support you in making this event a success. Below, we've outlined the key steps to ensure a seamless and meaningful experience.

WHAT IS THE ANCHOR GATHERING?

The Anchor is an outreach ministry designed to unite women of all ages, fostering faith and friendships. It provides a welcoming, non-threatening environment where women can gather, hear the message of Jesus, and be uplifted by the hope we have in Him.

You can host an Anchor Gathering at your church, venue, or home, where women will come together to watch our "Anchor at Home" program on our YouTube Channel (@TheAnchorGathering). This program is broadcast monthly from October through June. During these gatherings, women will have the opportunity to socialize, be inspired by music and speakers, and engage in meaningful discussions.

ANCHOR GATHERING

Your Anchor Gathering event consists of the following key elements:

- **Social Time:** Begin with drinks and appetizers or a potluck.

THE ANCHOR BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE INCLUDES:

- **Music:** Enjoy live music performed by a guest musician(s).
- **Anchor Moment:** A brief, impactful testimony.
- **Message:** A presentation by a guest speaker.

FOLLOWED BY:

- **Discussion Time:** Engage with the message and explore related topics.
- **Raffle:** An optional fun activity.



MUSIC

Music is provided by a leading contemporary Christian artist or a local musician. This sets the tone for the evening, preparing the hearts of the women for the message to come.

THE ANCHOR MOMENT

This is a special time of sharing where someone briefly speaks about a moment in their life when their faith has anchored them, inspired them, or guided their decisions. The testimony is thoughtfully prepared and delivered by one of the Anchor team members or a guest speaker, lasting around 10 minutes. The aim is to share the hope we have in Jesus, our eternal anchor.

MESSAGE AND DISCUSSION TIME

Following the Anchor Moment, a speaker will deliver a message designed to deepen the understanding of the gathering's theme. Afterward, there will be a discussion period where women can reflect on the message, share their thoughts, and ask questions. This is a valuable opportunity to connect the message with personal experiences.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- **Form a Team:** Appoint at least two individuals to oversee the Anchor Gathering.
- **Schedule the Event:** Determine the date and time for the gathering (monthly).
- **Extend Invitations:** Publicize the event and invite women to participate.
- **Organize Food and Beverages:** Coordinate contributions and assign responsibilities for food and drink.
- **Welcome Guests:** Arrange for greeters to ensure a warm reception for all guests.
- **Setup:** Assist attendees with setting up their meal contributions for easy access and service.
- **Prepare for the Broadcast:** If you are participating in our live broadcast, please ensure your guests are seated shortly before the broadcast begins at 7:00 PM PST. Set up the Anchor Broadcast on YouTube, which will start promptly at 7:00 PM and last approximately 45 minutes. Depending on your time zone or preference, you can either view the broadcast live or access it later via @TheAnchorGathering.
- **Offer Support:** Be available to address any questions or needs that may arise during the event.



ESSENTIALS TO HAVE:

- **Snacks & Drinks:** Coordinate snacks and drinks for the gathering.
- **Serving Space:** Provide a space for food contributions.
- **Serving Utensils and Paper Products:** Or use dishes if preferred.
- **Anchor Items:** Set out items provided in the monthly leader email (ie. devotional, watch party kit, etc.)
- **TV Setup:** Ensure the TV can play YouTube or has screen mirroring capabilities.
- **Seating:** Arrange seating for all guests.
- **Restrooms:** Ensure there are restrooms available.

SOME OPTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Handouts:** Prepare and set up event handouts. You can print the devotional from our website, which is a great resource that not many people know about. Additionally, you can print the Watch Party Kit, which includes all the questions and bios for our guest musicians and speakers.
- **Facilitation:** Be there to answer questions and guide discussions.
- **Cleanup:** Help wrap up the evening, clean up, and gather the Anchor materials for the next event.
- **Special Care:** Be prepared to assist women who may be emotionally affected by the message. Offer support, prayer, and sympathy, while ensuring the event continues smoothly. This may involve pulling aside an individual for a private conversation if needed.