

# Walking with Widows

## A Journey of Hope and Healing

Thank you for leading a Walking with Widows Connect Group! James 1:27 tells us that “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows in their distress”.

You will see the immense opportunity for God to bring hope and healing to these precious women in the midst of great loss. You have stepped up to be a vessel of that hope and healing.

Our prayer for you is that you feel the strength of our Father as you become His hands and feet in this season. Your efforts will not go unseen, all of Heaven is rejoicing over you as you make room for these women to find joy in the midst of pain.

There are 9 video sessions and leader discussion guides. During the 13-week semester, here are a few suggestions for filling other weeks.

**A get to know you gathering sometime after the introduction session.** - This could be a potluck style dinner where you allow each participant to share for 3 minutes about their spouse. His name, how long they were married and a favorite memory. This will take up the entire time so just end in prayer.

**An activity session to unlock the creative side of the brain after the Reinvention session.** - You could gather and pass out playdough asking each participant to create something that represents “reinvention”.

Tip: Butterflies are a good one to make

**Have a painting or jewelry making party.** - Ask everyone to bring supplies. Then turn on some music and let the laughter begin.

**Recipe exchange** - everyone brings their favorite recipe dish to share and a copy of the recipe for each group member.

**A celebration dinner to end the Connect Group semester** - Host a potluck dinner or meet at a restaurant and share testimonies from the experience.