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Passing the baton in leadership



If the day ever comes when you can no longer be in leadership for an *After the Boxes are Unpacked* study . . . we will still need you! You are invaluable in helping to keep our outreach alive and active to uprooted women.

An important part of my leadership role for my *After the Boxes* study is thinking ahead for who might continue leading our group in case I need to step aside. I also keep an

eye out for who could start a new *After the Boxes* group.

If you find yourself in this position, here are some things I've done and have watched for over the years to identify potential leaders. I hope you'll find my suggestions helpful.

- **Pray.** Ask God to give you discernment and wisdom for who He wants to serve in this ministry.
- **Look for someone with leadership qualities.** Look within your study first, then within your church or in other areas where you serve. Someone who has moved has a heart for movers! It's best if she goes through the study and reads *After the Boxes are Unpacked*. **Watch for someone who might exemplify these traits:** *Is she faithful, available, and teachable? Is she dependent on God and in His word? Is she committed? Is she positive and enthusiastic? Is she transparent? Does she live-out Jesus in her life?*
- **Get to know her personally.** Invite her to a study. Does she *connect*? Does she *interact* with the women? Is she *available, approachable, and accessible*?
- **Include her** on your leadership team. **Involve her** as part of training.

These things are a gentle reminder of what most of you already know. However, there is one more thing . . . I want you to know, Paulette, that the thought of losing you would leave a huge gap in my heart and in the heart of our ministry. You are the arms of Jesus who loves, encourages, and brings hope to uprooted women. God has used you in mighty ways for His glory and I hope you'll be around for a long, long time!

From my heart,



Cheri, a Group Leader in North Carolina shared how her group celebrates milestone birthdays.

For a milestone birthday we ask each class member to bring a little wrapped something to put in a basket for the birthday girl. Balloons are tied to the basket handle and the gifts are opened in front of the friends-to-be. We make sure there is one or two funny gifts included. Laughter is a wonderful healing and hope-filled balm.

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Host a Cooking Show - Ever watched Chopped? Or Iron Chef? If people in your group like to cook, jump on your video platform and cook together. Share recipes, watch the progress, and maybe have a little cooking competition. Let your non-cooking friends judge your presentation.

Email your pictures and a short description of your time together to [JoAnn](#) or [Paulette](#) to be submitted for the Group Spotlight.

October After the Boxes Study Group Spotlight



San Clemente, CA area group

Marcia Bennardo, Group Leader

We are so glad to see our *After the Boxes* studies getting back to meeting in person. Marcia shares, “Wonderful group of ladies going through the book. Fall 2021”

Email [Paulette](#) or [JoAnn](#) your fun photo of your newcomers to be submitted for a future [Group Spotlight](#). [Click here](#) for instructions for taking a screen shot of your online group.

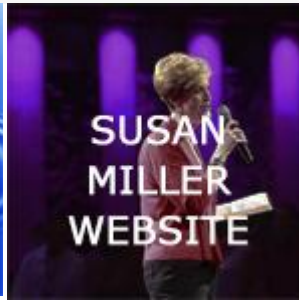
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