

Planning a Christ-Focused Women's Conference

Planning a women's conference is hard work. It takes a lot of time, effort, teamwork, and can be expensive. You want to make it worthwhile for every woman in attendance—from long-standing believers to those who are new in Christ or still seeking something to satisfy their spiritual heart needs. Consider the following four priorities as you plan your women's conference.

1. GOD-FOCUSED WORSHIP

If your conference includes worship, sing songs centered on who God is and His faithfulness to everyone even when our personal circumstances are not pleasant. God is still good even if He does not move every mountain. Choose songs directed to Him not just about Him. Vertical worship allows us to focus on Him and His attributes. He alone is worthy and good.

2. LIMITED EMOTIONALISM

God created our emotions because He wants us to have them. Our feelings can be wonderful indicators when something is going right or sideways. But we all know emotions can also be fickle and fluctuate. And when our emotional needs don't feel met, we often seek counterfeit answers that leave us lost and empty. The true cure to the rampant spiritual depression ravaging our country is belief in Jesus as the anchor of our hope. Our feelings should be a response to who God is, not cleverly orchestrated moments designed to elicit emotions. A women's conference that focuses too much on emotional hype leaves the listeners primed for a crash when we return to reality without enough solid knowledge for continued growth on our own. Speakers who correctly center our focus on God will be emotional and encouraging, even convicting, but won't leave us standing in a puddle of feelings. They will always bring us back to God's word.

3. APPROPRIATE USE OF PERSONAL ANECDOTES

A speaker's stories should help clothe the message with authenticity, but they should not be the focus. A speaker should give limited background about her past and present to help underscore her authority in different areas. This enables the audience to laugh with her, commiserate with her, and see ourselves in different places alongside her. ***But she should spend more time telling us about God and who He is than about herself.***

4. THEOLOGICALLY SOLID

By "theologically solid," we mean that Scripture is interpreted properly and in context. The meaning of a passage is consistent with the teaching of the whole Bible on that topic. Scripture is used to define terms and explain who God is and what our purpose is. The speaker should lead the listeners through large chunks of Scripture and related passages as a group, teaching them how to clearly read and interpret the verses in context. The message should correctly define biblical terms and inspire the listeners to be Christ-focused in their minds and hearts. You want them to know who they are in God's eyes more than in the world's eyes or their own eyes. You want them to follow Jesus' way of living life rather than the world's way or their own way. You want them to keep moving forward with Jesus through every challenge.

CONCLUSION

Women are hungry for truth. When the world is busy feeding us counterfeit answers for our very real problems, we need the authentic answers only found in Christ. If we're going to take time and money to create or attend an event, make sure it's giving you the good stuff. A women's conference can be fun (beautiful table decorations, delicious food, great door prizes) and still be a solid ministry event. The two things are not mutually exclusive. But the outer trappings should be wrapped around meaty Bible-rich teaching that convicts and inspires us to love God more deeply than ourselves and follow Jesus more closely than the world.

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