

# *The Privilege*

## A study for Women in Leadership

### *Introduction*

We are on a six-week journey to prepare our hearts for the ministry God has called us to. Like most of the adventures the Lord takes us on, we can't anticipate all that's on the road ahead of us. We can only prepare our heart to stay focused on our Escort, who goes before us and prepares our path, and then walks beside us each step of the way. What we want most is to stay in step with Him, to honor Him as we walk, to rightly represent Him to others and to see the ministry He is calling us to as **The Privilege** that it is.

This study is using the book titled, "The Privilege" written by Kay Smith for women in leadership as our study guide. Because, at the time this study was prepared, we all had the same copy of the paperback book, many of the questions in these lessons refer to page numbers and paragraphs we are focusing on. I understand that others doing this study at a later time may have the book in a different format and the pages and paragraphs may not line up the same way as referred to when this study was written. I believe, however, that those references shouldn't be too difficult to find, given the context of what's being referred to. I apologize ahead of time if you are having any difficulty.

This has been a rich and edifying study for me personally as we have gone through this excellent book on what it means to be a woman in leadership. Not all of the women in our original study group were pastor's wives, nor is that a necessary thing. Many were leading areas of women's ministry, whose husbands were not even involved in a formal area of ministry. That's okay. The valuable insights and lessons from this book are timely and significant, regardless of what area of ministry or leadership you are involved in. And, although Kay gives us some wonderful insights on our role in marriage, you do not have to be married to glean from this study. We all are called to roles of submission and putting other's needs above our own, so even those insights on marriage are applicable in different areas of our lives.

I pray that you will be richly blessed as you go through this study on The Privilege. You can do this study as a group, or individually. I suggest you keep a notebook or journal for those insights you'll want to share and look back on where sufficient space in the lesson itself was not enough. May you come away with a heart more prepared for worship and service. Blessings to you all.