

## Ladies Link

*Scenario:* One of your community group members has consistently expressed frustration about her husband. She is very open about communicating her spouse's failures. She has mentioned the potential for divorce. "I want to leave him."

*How do you respond to this group member?*

*Scenario:* A group member shares that her boyfriend surprised her with tickets for a cruise to celebrate their six-month anniversary. The accommodations are a single room with two beds. She asks for counsel.

*How do you shape a response, and how does that response affect others?*

*Scenario:* You go to a friend's birthday party. There are people from outside and inside the church, including some from the area where you lead. Alcohol is being served and some people appear to be drinking excessively.

*What do you do when your friend welcomes you and offers you a drink? Who would be affected by your decision and how?*

*Scenario:* A group member consistently expresses frustration with trying to balance her work/home/relational demands. Her son is acting out in school and needs extra attention. She has had to stay late at work for several weeks trying to finish various projects. She also shared with the group that God had placed it on her heart to participate in a short-term mission trip in the coming months.

*How do you provide leadership for her situation?*

## Singles

*Scenario:* After finishing a 4-week curriculum on "managing your finances," several of your group members want to contribute some money to globalX short-term mission trips. One member, however, says she can't contribute because of her current financial situation. This is the same member that regularly shows up to community group wearing new designer clothes.

*How do you respond to her comment?*

*Scenario:* A community group member shares that a good friend from high school (a male friend in whom she has no romantic interest) has moved to town and needs a roommate. Her roommate just moved out, and she's looking for a new one. She's already in a financial bind, so she could really use the rent. She asks for your advice.

*How do you respond?*

*Scenario:* At a recent GroupLink, your group picked up three new members. In confidence, one of the new members shared with you that he is gay. You

know that this will be a major concern for several members in your existing group.

*How do you provide leadership in this situation?*

*Scenario:* Stacy, a group member who is engaged, has a male friend that she talks about regularly. You sense she may be crossing some boundaries of emotional intimacy with him.

*As the group leader, how do you respond to her situation?*

## **Marrieds**

*Scenario:* Your community group holds a barbeque social and a couple unexpectedly brings a bottle of wine and/or a cooler of beer. By the end of the event, it's obvious by their words and actions that some couples have "overdone" it.

*How do you as the leader respond to the couple and to the group?*

*Scenario:* During a meeting, the husbands and wives separate during the group time and one of the men confesses that he is contemplating separating from his wife.

*When do you maintain confidentiality within the group? When do you breach confidentiality?*

*Scenario:* Before your group meeting, the women in the group are chatting in a separate room about the events of the past week. One woman regularly mentions a male co-worker of hers. This week, she says, "I feel like he understands me better than my husband does."

*How do you provide leadership in response to her comment?*

*Scenario:* During the group prayer time, a couple shares that they are struggling financially. After the meeting, some of your group members insist on helping the troubled couple. Other group members express concern that helping them would be enabling their poor spending habits.

*How do you provide direction as your group determines how to respond?*