

Dear Sisters in Christ!

As we step into October, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the excellent conversations and spiritual growth we shared over the past two months. Our August and September Bible studies were based on *Lesson 1: Relationships That Form Us* and *Lesson 2: Called to Relationship* from the **Summer 2025 issue of Gather Magazine**.

Highlights from Our Study:



- *Lesson 1* explored how our earliest relationships—especially within families—shape our faith, identity, and emotional patterns. Through stories like Jacob and Esau, and Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, we considered how conflict, reconciliation, and shared grief can transform us.



- *Lesson 2* reminded us that we are called into relationship not just by circumstance, but by divine design. We reflected on Jesus' interactions with his disciples and friends, and how vulnerability, hospitality, and presence are central to flourishing in community.

Group Reflections:

- "I saw my own family story in Jacob and Esau's journey."
- "The reminder that relationships are sacred—even when messy—was powerful."
- "I'm learning to show up more fully and faithfully in my friendships."

Looking Ahead: We'll begin our October study with *Lesson 1: Money: What Do We Treasure?* from the **Fall 2025 issue of Gather Magazine**. This session invites us to reflect on how our relationship with money intersects with our values, faith, and sense of abundance. Through Scripture and honest conversation, we'll explore what it means to treasure what truly matters.



October Meeting Options

Please join us for one of the following sessions:

- **Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 PM**

- **Thursday, October 9 at 6:00 PM**

Bring your Fall issue of *Gather Magazine*, your Bible, and any thoughts or questions you'd like to share.

In faith and family,

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