



10 WAYS TO MAKE MENTORING MISSIONAL

The M.O.M. Initiative is a ministry dedicated to mobilizing the church to not only mentor moms within the four walls of the church but to mentor moms in the community and impact our culture for Christ. Our heart is to mentor moms and begin **M.O.M. Mentor Groups** worldwide, but most venues below provide a great opportunity to mentor women in all seasons of life.

1. In low income apartment complexes and neighborhoods

Get permission to use the apartment clubhouse, community center or someone's home. Take a few women with you and provide childcare and life skill lessons such as cooking, sewing, resume writing or computer skills.

2. In juvenile shelters and prisons

Make your prison ministry more than a couple of random visits every few months. Begin intentionally mentoring women in prison, especially young moms who desperately need to come out of prison a much better mom than when they went in.

3. In para-ministries

There are ministries throughout your community. Crises pregnancy centers, homes for unwed mothers, homeless shelters, women's shelters, MOPS, MOMS International. They are everywhere. Come alongside of them and make a difference through mentoring.

4. In your neighborhood

Invite your neighbors to your home for coffee and conversation. Begin reaching out to them to see how you can share the love of Jesus. Then take it a step further and invite them for coffee, conversation and a short devotion or a Bible study.

5. In local low income schools

It's a sad statistic, but many moms who bring their children to low income schools are single moms who are struggling and the church has the opportunity to minister to them and make an eternal difference in their lives as well as their children's lives.

6. In high schools

There ever-increasing population of teen moms is in desperate need of women who care enough to minister to them. Connect with your local high school and begin a M.O.M. Mentor Group and reach them with the love of Jesus.

7. At the park

Hang out at the park. Invite young moms you know and get to know the women who take their kids there and invite them to a weekly M.O.M. Mentor Group at the park. Great place for mentoring to teens too.

8. At the local coffee shop

Invite a group of young moms to a local coffee shop. Team up with other mentor minded mommas and have one of them offer to watch the kids so those moms can get away for a couple hours.

9. As a faith-based alternative for social service or court appointed parenting classes

Meet with local judicial and social service agencies and request to provide a faith-based alternative for their parenting classes. Begin a M.O.M. Mentor Group and help those women become who God created them to be. It may be a little more involved to get permission, but what a great way to reach the moms of this generation and reach the heart of the next generation simultaneously.

10. Begin a M.O.M. Mentor Group in your local church

Reach out in your community and invite young moms to be part of a M.O.M. Mentor Group at your church. Get creative and offer practical life skills, activities, childcare, a weekly mom's day out with lunch provided. If you feed them, they will come...but only if you provide childcare. :-)