

‘Equipped!’ Annual Conference 17th June 2017
Beginning a Women’s Ministry from Scratch

Beginning a women’s ministry is a work of God, not a human achievement

Why does this matter?

1. What’s the goal?

“We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-9

2. How do we get there?

- **By praying for women**

1 Samuel 12:23

- **By investing in women – not women's programmes**

1 Thessalonians 2:8

- **By teaching God's word to women**

Hebrews 4:12

3. What do we need?

- **Tenderness** – the work is frustrating

- **Humility** – the work is largely unseen

- **Patience** – the work takes time

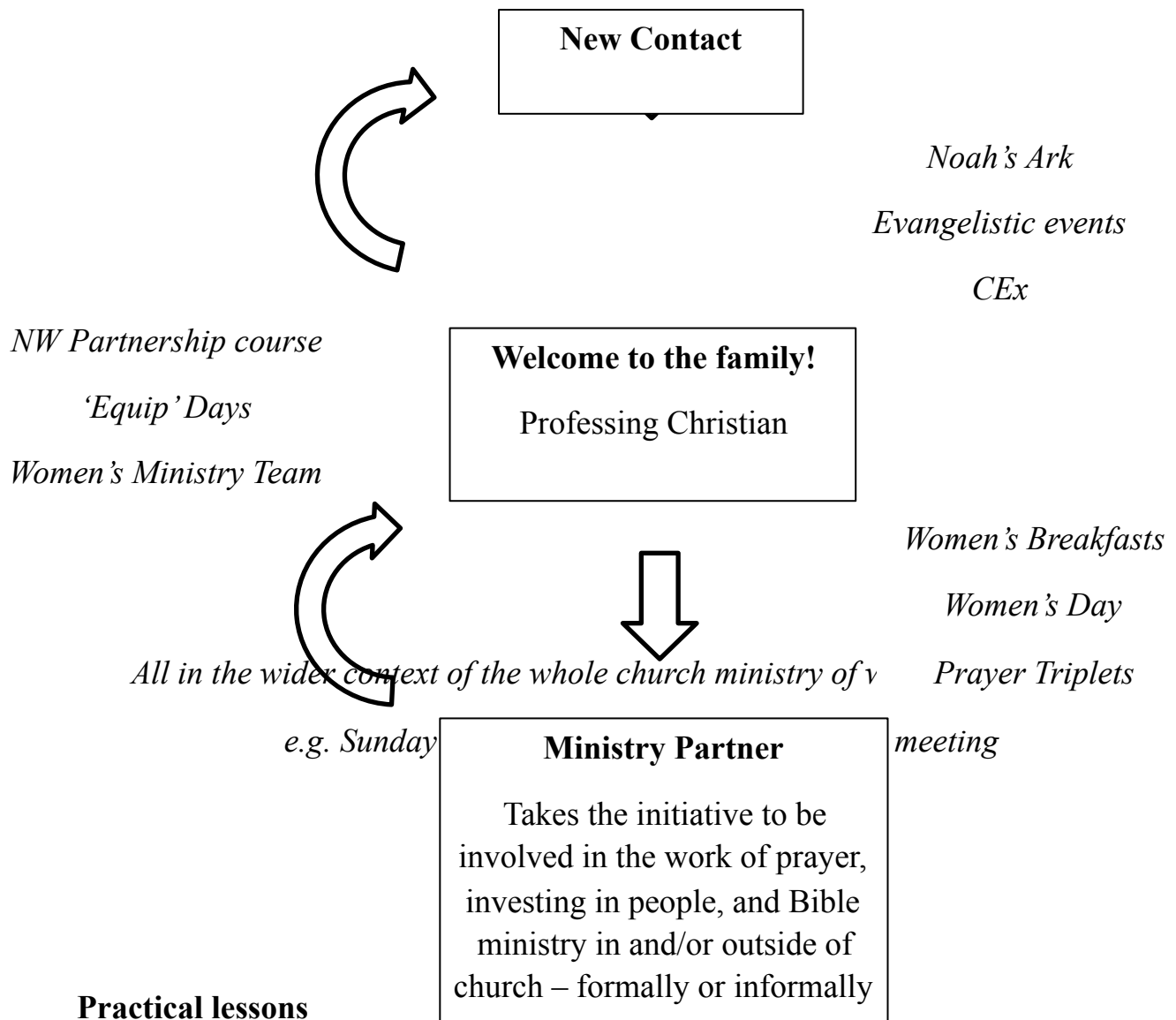
Start by thinking of two other women you know in your church. What one thing could you commit to pray regularly for them over the coming term that would help them to grow as a Christian?

What opportunities do you have to get to know them better and share your life with them? What could you pray for and plan towards doing?

Is that really all there is to it?!

Pulling it together

Worked example: a retrospective big picture of the women's ministry at St Andrew's



- Start with the women God has given you

- Know why you're doing what you do

- Start as you mean to go on

- Be free in Christ to fail

What/if any programmes are currently running for women?

What purpose are they serving?

Other issues to consider

- Relating to your minister
Hebrews 13:17

- Relating to other ministries
Philippians 2:1-11

- Relating to older and younger women
Titus 2:3-4

