

*G*OD *A*PPPOINTMENT *B*BREAK Go *GAB!*

Gatherings for churches, small groups and friends

GAB gatherings are a wonderful way to build bridges within the church, in small groups and between friends. A certain discipline comes from being available to pray each morning, to listen and to release the direction of the Holy Spirit.

In *GAB* gatherings, we can share:

- **Faith** that God will send us.
- **Trust** that God will give us the words.
- **Belief** that the Holy Spirit transforms lives.

Each God Appointment begins with a simple prayer, so let go and release God to do the rest.

Guidelines for *GAB* gatherings

Open each *GAB* gathering with prayer, and then review the points described below. Together, you can prepare the environment in which your hearts can give and receive.

WARNING: Do not measure your appointments. Each appointment belongs to God and is designed for His glory.

IMPORTANT: Please do not forget to journal your God Appointments! Hidden treasures are revealed as we give away our words to paper. We give because we have and so that others may receive.

CRITICAL: Come as you are! I wrote this book just as I am. God did not say, "Bobbie, get your life in order first." He was more like, "Bobbie, as you step out in faith to write this book and love My people, you will find My order." Please come just as you are! You are more than enough.

CAUTION: Be careful when sharing thoughts not to speak negatively about other churches, organizations or God's people. Jesus reminds us to forgive people because they do not know. Each *GAB* gathering should be a safe place and a no-negativity zone. You can share personal struggles that relate to the study guide questions. Please bring solutions that will unite us, not divide us, in Christ.

Suggestions for *GAB* gatherings

- **Churches**

Share a God Appointment in the church bulletin or allow individuals to share their God Appointment with the congregation. Encourage small groups to hold *GAB* gatherings.

- **Small groups**

Review the “Thoughts to consider” in the study guide that follows and let the Holy Spirit guide you. Encourage group members to share Bible verses that reveal additional understanding.

- Review *GAB* gathering guidelines at the start of each meeting.
- Use the “Thoughts to consider” section as your *GAB* gatherings study guide. It is divided to accommodate your study time for each gathering.
- Allow time for each person to choose a God Appointment from the book and give a short overview of how it impacted his or her life.
- When individuals are ready, encourage them to share God Appointments from their personal journals. A blank journal is located in the back of this book.
- GAB* gathering host and guests: If you are pleased with your gathering experience after completion, consider hosting your own gathering. Send an invitation to several people with directions to come with a copy of *God Appointments*. Set a date for your first gathering and let people know they can read as they go.

Optional: As a host you can order *GAB* bracelets to present as your guests share their first personal God Appointment. You can also direct them to the website to get bracelets on their own.

- **Friends**

Create an environment where you expect the best from each other. Ask someone to be your *GAB* accountability partner. Be accountable to read your Bible daily, pray in the Spirit, listen...and go *GAB*!

- **God Appointment books and merchandise are available at www.GodAppointments.com or 1-855-GAB-1212 (1-855-422-1212).** *GAB* bracelets are a wonderful way to share God's love, and they serve as a simple reminder of your God Appointments. You will also find journals, t-shirts and additional *GAB* merchandise. Let's give them something to *GAB* about!

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