

A BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY PRODUCTION

MIDWIVES OF A MOVEMENT

A Story of Challenging Baptist Patriarchy



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AFTER VIEWING

After hosting a group screening of *Midwives of a Movement*, consider facilitating dialogue among those present. Discussion could take place in a large group, or you might consider breaking into small groups. Here are some suggestions for questions to discuss.

- How do the events described in the film mirror what is happening for women in ministry among Baptists today in the SBC and in other Baptist denominations as well?
- How does the personal opposition women in the film describe resemble what women in ministry face on a day-to-day basis today? You might also ask women in ministry present at the screening to share the kinds of opposition that they have faced in seeking to follow their God-given callings.
- The women in the film talk about the importance of support, mentors, advocates, and knowing that they were in the fight together. How can we be a part of helping women have those kinds of support systems now?
- At the end of the film, Lynda Weaver Williams says that words of encouragement to women in ministry can be the means by which the glass ceiling is broken. How can we be an encouragement to female ministers among and around us to help make those cracks even larger?
- Nancy Hastings Sehested states that the suffering she knew as a woman in ministry, which was small compared to most suffering she'd seen in the world, "can be an avenue through which she can join the other suffering ones and go together toward a new vision of what it means to be human together." What does that new vision of being human together look like to you?