

“Towards the Goal” | Heartland 20 Year Celebration Weekend

April 6 & 7, 2024

Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 3:12-14

Opening Prayer: *Father God, we thank You for Your faithfulness to us through the people and ministry of Heartland. We thank You for Pastor Al and his wife Lee. We pray in Jesus’ name that You would speak to us and guide us as we meet now. Holy Spirit, show us the good of the past and give us great faith to be part of the next chapter of Your ministry through Heartland. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

Ice breaker: Think about a person, place, or situation that you are grateful for. Take time sharing with the group about this.

Read Psalm 63 and Philippians 3:12-14, reflect on the weekend sermon and then answer the following questions:

1. What stands out to you as you reflect on the weekend sermon and each of these Bible passages?
2. Reflect on the sermon from this past weekend. Share about anything that stood out to you or ways that the Holy Spirit was speaking to you.
3. Share about a time that you were built up in your faith and walk with God through the people of Heartland.
4. Share about why you are thankful for Pastor Al and his 20 years of service to the Lord through Heartland.
5. What difficult times, people, or situations do you need to put in the past and leave there?
6. God spoke to Pastor Al about planting Heartland. He then kept praying about it and taking steps to involve other people. How could you be like Pastor Al in this way and with the gifts and opportunities God is giving you? Take some time to share about this and pray about it now.
7. How can you be an active part of the next chapter of God’s ministry in and through Heartland? Share and pray about this together.

Silently re-read the key Scripture from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What key thought, word, or phrase is the Holy Spirit showing you now?
2. How will you nurture this message from the Holy Spirit through your week?
3. What resistance, unbelief, or fear do you need to give to Jesus today? Spend time doing that now.

Closing Prayer: *Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that you will enjoy the good and faithfulness of God from Heartland and Pastor Al. Pray that you would celebrate God’s faithfulness and then be inspired by God to serve with faith and boldness for His kingdom in the days and weeks ahead. Ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be revealed and strengthened in each of your group members.*