

WEEK 2: LEADING OUR HEARTS TOWARD CHRIST (MUCHE UKEGBU)

As you think about this summer, what barriers can you see that might keep you from growing in your relationship with God?

Muche said, “All of our lives are expressions of what’s going on in our thoughts”, and he shared with us the four faculties of the heart: mind, conscience, emotions, and will.

- As you think about each of these areas in your life, which do you see driving your decisions most of the time? How can we allow God to dominate all of these areas?

Read Psalm 1

- How have you generally viewed blessings in the past? This passage says that blessings are about relational connections (ultimately with God) and not about “stuff”. How have you seen relationships be the greatest blessings in your life?
- What does it look like for our lives to “be planted by streams of water” and to “not wither?” How does being planted in this way help us to believe in God’s goodness, even when our circumstances are not?
- Talk about a time when you delighted in the Law of the Lord? What was that like?
- What are some practical steps that you could take to make delight in His Word a more regular pattern in your life?

Read James 4:1-4

- What lies are easy to believe that cause us to doubt God’s goodness?
- What unmet desires do you have that might be taking you away from spending time in God’s Word?
- God wants to form our desires to reflect his desires. Then he wants us to ask him in faith to meet those needs. He is the true source of hope and help. What are some needs you would like for him to meet in your life?

Biblical devotion includes your affections, attention and actions. Take a moment to find a verse or passage of Scripture that you can meditate on over the next week. Share this with your group.

Spend some time going through the ACTS prayer model.

- **Adoration:** Adore God for the ways He blesses us through relationships with himself and others.
- **Confession:** Confess your pursuit of any desires that are not honoring to him.
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank the Lord for all that He gives us so that we can flourish in our relationship with Him.
- **Supplication:** Ask the Lord to give you a heart to seek after Him and help you to plant your roots in His Word.

