

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. We held our first 2023 Night of Prayer on March 7th, but we don't have Notes to share. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our March 14, 2023, meeting, which was our first Vision Check. It seeks to capture some, but not all, key points from our evening together, with like topics being conveniently grouped together. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

Declaration of Faith: We will be mindful of what we are believing, what we are saying, what we are doing, and what tools we are using as we continue moving forward.

OPENING

We opened with the song, "I Won't Move Until You Speak." The line "It's Your love, it's breaking through the night" stood out to us and begged the question, "Do you know God loves you?" The honest answer was, "Sometimes it's hard to accept because it's not demonstrated how you expect." We then moved into our Vision Check discussion. For clarity, our vision is attached.

DISCUSSION

What are we believing?

Are we believing in God to do what HE says He will do, OR are we relying on our own works?

If I believe it and it doesn't come to pass, do I allow that to affect knowing God loves me?

What are we saying?

Sometimes, we can become desensitized about what we say and what we hear about other people.

We're all struggling with our words. However, we noted anytime you're trying to progress, you are more prone to struggle. On the other hand, we're being more aware to give thanks in the midst of and despite our circumstances.

Upcoming Events

April 4

Spring Break

April 25

Social Week

April 29

Painting Party

Current Vision

Moving Forward: Walking by faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate wisdom and put on the whole armor of God!

Scripture(s)

2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 6:19-20

Additional Verses: Mark 9:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Ephesians 4:29; Psalm 19:14

Inspirational Song(s)

"Moving Forward" by Israel Houghton

Current Study:

Begin Ephesians on 3/21/2023

What are we doing? We want to cultivate outreach and everyone using their gifts.

What tools are we using? When we start our armor study, we want to focus on how what we are reading relates to each piece of the armor.

What fruit do we want to produce this year as a group?

Accountability. There's room for growth.

Truth. We noted truth uncovers things, so what is truth uncovering in our lives? We noted Ephesians 4:29 is revealing a higher level of what we speak. It's like being aware of a muscle you haven't used in a while. I confessed I need to work on my mouth! But, overall, we feel truth has been good in the group.

Unity. We're not sure where that came from, so once we have a quorum, we'll come back to it to find out what we meant or if we need to delete it.

Maturity. This will be a continuing thing. We'll be able to better assess where we are during our final Vision Check. In other words, do we look different?

Are we applying our steps? Overall, we felt we were making progress in this area. However, we did discuss the following:

Allowing others to show us our blind spots? It might hurt, but we can be comfortable with "tough love" as long as we know it's done in love!

Occupying our God-given space.

We're not fully doing what we feel we need to be doing. Seems like it's hard to get out of our own way and there are too many distractions.

It can be hard to balance working on something without that something becoming an idol. We concluded, how much energy and love you spend on something helps you know whether or not it's becoming an idol and why. A good question to ask is, "Is it me-focused or Christ-focused?"

H.E.A.R.T. We concluded not everyone is comfortable using the H.E.A.R.T worksheet. It can be a lot for some to the point where it feels like more of a task, whereas with others, it helps them to capture their thoughts. So, the worksheet is optional; we can use it if we like, but don't feel compelled to use it.



Homework

Ephesians 1.

Send out the Ephesians devotional so we can decide as a group if we want to approach Ephesians by sections or a chapter at a time.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

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Learn how to recognize the giants (irritants) that are influencing our speech. This could use improving. It didn't seem to apply while studying Ecclesiastes. However, I do need to identify the giant Ecclesiastes 5:19 and chapter 6 exposed when I realized my soul was not satisfied with all the "good things" in my life.¹

Some highlights from our takeaways

We appear to be on track, except in the one area of accountability. In other areas, we are more aware, and awareness is where everything starts.

We failed to identify a step regarding unity, so we need to address that.

RESOURCES

Links to our inspirational Song(s) supporting our vision:

"Israel Houghton - Moving Forward"

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVEFGllyx1o&list=RDCVEFGllyx1o&start_radio=1).

Link to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"I Won't Move | Life.Church Worship", (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmrGNhcDKYI>)

CLOSING

We collected our **praise reports** and **prayer requests** and then closed in prayer.

¹ More information about this can be located in our Meeting Notes from 07-19-2022 on Ecclesiastes 6:1-7 located at <https://wow2women.com/revive-1>.



ATTACHMENT: GROUP VISION

NAME: WoW2

DATE: 1/24/2023

IDENTIFY your vision and the Scripture(s) you are standing on

Moving Forward: Walking by faith in the things we believe, think, speak, and do to cultivate wisdom and put on the whole armor of God! Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 4:7, Ephesians 6:10-18

What are we believing?

Mark 9:23; Ephesians 2:8-9

What are we saying?

Ephesians 4:29; Psalm 19:14

- Create pearls of wisdom from our irritants

What are we doing?

- Outreach
- Everyone using their gifts
- Focused study using H.E.A.R.T

What tools are we using?

The whole armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-18

DEFINE what your completed vision should look like

(What **fruit** do we want to produce this year as a group)

- Transparency, accountability, truth, unity, and maturity that leads to awareness and eventual transformation

APPLY: What steps will you need to apply to fulfill your vision?

- Create opportunities for helping others!
- Acknowledging the fruit we see in others
- Allowing others to show us things that are in our blind spots

- Edifying each other
 - Walking in humility: occupying our God-given space and not judging others for their space by being critical
 - Implementing H.E.A.R.T during our studies
 - Learn how to recognize the giants (irritants) that are influencing our speech
 - Our next study is Ephesians after we finish Ecclesiastes!
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