

## **AFTER HIS HEART – Overview**

January 6, 2021

In the fall of 2019, Jackie and I had a burden to disciple and equip young men and women in a more consistent way. This burden originated through camp ministry connections with young people and our love for them. Our prayer was to encourage growth toward leadership in the local church and service for Christ in all areas of life.

We identified 8 areas that were critical for well-rounded spiritual growth. The first and most critical was “The Heart”. The premise being that if our heart is truly surrendered to the Lord, then all areas of our life will be. The reference of David being, *“a man after His own heart”*, formed the theme for the ministry which we called, **After His Heart**.

We were able to host one gathering at the end of February last year with just over 20 attendees. It was a good day and we had planned a follow-up day for the end of March and then subsequent days to follow as the Lord would lead. But Covid 19 put an end to that plan. We had several online follow-ups but, for now, group gatherings are on hold.

We had communicated the planning of this ministry with the elders of many assemblies, including Bridlewood. Through the communication, your elders felt that the topics would be helpful for the whole assembly. For the next 4 Sundays, I will preach on 4 of the 8 areas of focus we had planned for After His Heart. The focus will be as follows:

January 10 – A Heart Like His: A Servant Heart

January 17 – Leadership in the Local Church: A Heart of Integrity

January 24 – Encouraging and Mentoring: A Caring Heart

January 31 – Witnessing and Evangelism: A Compassionate Heart

The plan was to give a biblical foundation in the morning and a practical application after lunch. With the online format, we will cover both in one message. Obviously, we can't cover the areas in depth. We will touch on the “heart” of each and, hopefully, be motivated to more focused service for the Lord Jesus in some or all of these areas.

I look forward to meeting with you online on the remaining Sundays of January. If anyone wishes to talk with me or discuss anything with me, my contacts are:



With love in Christ,  
Gerry Libby