Keeping our eye on the prize

Philippians 3:13(b)-14 \(^{13}\) But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, \(^{14}\) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Our goal: being a biblical church

Acts 2:46 shared meals together
Acts 2:23-24 faced crises together
Acts 4:34; 6:1 shared resources together
Acts 5:42 did life together at “church” and at homes
Acts 2:42 grew together under biblical teaching
Acts 2:42 prayed together

Our “together” goal

Passion for Jesus.
People to serve.
Power of conviction.
Purpose to pursue: reaching nations and generations through disciple-making, developing leaders and planting churches.

Prayer: TEFILLAH

To the Hebrew believer prayer was more than just talking to God, but also evaluating their actions, behaviour and attitude against God’s holiness.

These next three days are days to talk to God, but also to evaluate ourselves, to realign with His standard for our lives.
The power of fasting

Jesus did it: Matthew 4:2
Jesus taught it: Matthew 17:21
Jesus prophesied that we would do it: Luke 5:35
Jesus’s disciples did it: Acts 13:2-3; 14:23

Possible considerations

• One meal a day/
• One meal a day for three days/
• One full day/
• Three full days/
• One delicacy/hobby for three days/
• Social media:
“My eyes anticipate the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word.” Psalm 119:48

What is the last thought you take with you to bed? What is the first place your mind goes to when you wake up?

a. Get off Facebook/Twitter/Internet/
b. Leave the phone outside the bedroom/kitchen/
c. Read a hard copy of the bible instead/
d. Read your e-mails only on your work-PC or during work hours/
e. Have a listen to Digital Addiction: Brad Huddleston, Shofar Johannesburg Facebook Page.
f. Instead of a virtual comment, phone/visit/connect with an actual person at church, the garage, school, hospital, police station, fire brigade.

Pray, read, write and share.

Breaking fast together: Wednesday, 6:30pm