



Faith, Hope, Renewal: Women complete spiritual journey at Delta state prison

GREENWOOD – Faith, Hope, and Renewal: 16 Women Complete Spiritual Journey at Delta Correctional Facility

Sixteen women at the Delta Correctional Facility have completed a journey of spiritual growth and transformation by completing the MasterLife Discipleship Program.

The nine-month program, designed by Avery T. Willis Jr. and offered by Lifeway, has empowered the women to establish a life-enriching, obedient relationship with Jesus Christ, from within the confines of prison, said Rochelle.

"The Aug. 7 ceremony was a poignant reminder of the power of faith and education, providing hope and a sense of purpose to these individuals, who may have lost it at some point in their lives," said Delta Program Director Rochelle Gunn-Hudson.

Several graduates shared heartwarming testimonies about how the MasterLife program has instilled a renewed sense of identity and hope, fostering a commitment to lifelong discipleship and service. Also, four more women were honored for their steadfast participation over the past seven months, highlighting the commitment each participant has made, regardless of the challenges they faced.

Guest speaker Richard Webbs, a prosecutor for 33 years, delivered a stirring message. His words, "God gave everyone one special gift; it is our mission to find out what we are best at and use that as our assignment to deliver others to God," echoed throughout the ceremony, offering guidance and self-reflection to everyone present.

During his closing remarks, MDOC Director George King provided a poignant reminder that "we are all going through what we are going through for a reason, in the right place for America." His words served as a testament to the belief in purposeful journeys and the unique paths we all follow.

Gunn-Hudson expects the MasterLife Discipleship Program to have a lasting impact on the graduates, the MDOC, and the community.

“The success of the MasterLife Discipleship Program at Delta Correctional Facility not only benefits the participants but also uplifts the entire community, providing a framework for total transformation through structured accountability, daily spiritual habits, and practical Bible study,” Gunn-Hudson said. “This program exemplifies the potential of educational initiatives in reforming lives and reducing recidivism rates among incarcerated individuals.”

