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DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD – JOIN A HOMECCELL

Ps Aidan – Make room for God (Part 4)



WELCOME

Welcome each member and make time to find out how it's going with each one. Give them some time to share what is happening and if there are some good testimonies.

WORSHIP

Sing 2x praise and 2x worship songs and spend some time praying in tongues during the last worship song and focus on people that are lost or who you still want to invite to church.

WORD

Read: Matt. 14:22-33

Making room in our Asking: Ask some big asks.

Making room in our expectation: Expecting big things this year.

Making room in our bucket list: Bringing clean, big buckets to God this year.

3 Lessons on Making Room for Jesus in your boat.

Read: Matt. 14:22

1. Get into the boat.

What is it about a boat?

- A boat floats above, carries lives and allows fellowship.
- A boat allows rest, risks adventure, advances through, protects against and weathers the storms.
- A boat saves drowning people.

Jesus says Get into the boat and go to the other side.

The church of Jesus was not birthed to be anchored in the harbor of comfort and religion.

The church of Jesus was birthed to set sail on the greatest adventure ever - to (win) save the lost at any cost.

God commanded Noah to build was the ark, which represents the church of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the ark was not to go on a cruise but was built to save lives. It was a safe haven for God's children.

- The ark floated above, carried lives and allowed fellowship.
- The ark allows rest, risked adventure, advanced though, protected against and weathered the storms.
- The ark saved lives.

Bible says Jesus commands makes His disciples get into the boat - get into the church.

- The church floats above, carries lives and allows fellowship

- The church allows rest, risks adventure, advances though, protects against and weathers the storms.

Jesus knew storms will come

Read: Matt. 14:24 and Matt. 7:24-27

It's not if storms will come in life but when they come, that you need to Make Room for God and GET INTO THE BOAT.

Paul uses the analogy of marriage to that of the church

Read: Eph. 5:22-30

Making room for God means I am in the boat (church), just like I give my wife access to everything that's mine once we are married so do I with the church. I bring my family into the boat; I bring my business, my finances into the boat.

I've climbed aboard and am ready to sail where Jesus commands my boat to go.

Good news is when you are in the boat of God; no matter what storm you might be facing Jesus is with you in the storm.

Shadrack, Meshack and Abednigo experienced a fourth man in their fiery storm.

Read: Dan. 3:24-25

I will be with you in the fire in the storm in the financial crisis, don't jump ship during the storm. Stay in the boat. Stay in the church.

Read: Matt. 14:27

The safest place to be in the midst of a storm is in the boat.

During the storms of sickness, of family death of finances and of life be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

2. Get out of the boat

Read: Matt. 14:28-29

We get into the boat for protection but we get out of the boat for purpose.

To save someone requires getting out of the safety of the boat and walking on the water to the drowning souls.

Boat represents church and sea represents the world

Read: John 17:15, 18 and Mark 16:15

Notice getting out of the boat will require faith.

It was Peter who initiated getting out of the boat by faith. It was not Jesus commanding Him.

Read: Heb. 11:6

How do we get out by faith?

We get out the boat through testifying about Jesus, through inviting, through involvement in Homecell, through giving my tithes and offerings.

If it is you Lord tell metestify, invite, join a Homecell, give

Read: Matt. 14:30-31

If you have attempted to walk on the water for Jesus and felt yourself sinking at times - Jesus outstretched hand will save you every time

Theodore Roosevelt said: It is not the critic who counts; or the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

That's why we're not called to stay on the water but simply walk on it at times.

3. Go back to the boat

Read: Matt: 14-32-33

Make room for God in your worship.

Thank Him for saving you again and again.

Thank Him for walking with you on the water of faith.

Thank Him, Ask Him and worship Him.

Read: Eph. 3:20-21



Do not stop to invite your world, keep reaching out to people in your community and in your work place. Make a commitment to follow up on your target lists.

Reminders:

- Start inviting people to **Harvest 2017**. Tickets are going fast and this year your seat is booked when you register your ticket – so hurry not to be disappointed.
- Restore The Roar Conference for The Men – 3 to 4 March. Friday 18h30 and Saturday from 9h00 – 12h00
- **Easter Eggs**
CRC Kids are collecting Easter eggs (all kinds) to bless children living in underprivileged areas. Your Easter eggs may be dropped off on Sunday mornings at your Kids Church. Last collections to take place on Sunday 9th April 2017.