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



Ps Aidan – Open hearts lead to open hands

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

Open hearts lead to open hands.

Read: 1 Sam. 10:6

- You cannot stay the same if the Spirit comes upon you
- A person who is able to see things from God's perspective.

Read: Acts 1:8

- God's Spirit turns us into witnessing machines
- It opens our hearts from an earthly perspective into a Godly perspective.
- An open heart leads to an open witness
- You will be unashamed

Read: 1 Cor. 2:9-12

- If the Holy Spirit has not entered your heart you will not see what God will do for you
- You will begin to hear things in the presence of God
- God wants to reveal your future through His Spirit
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God
- God sends us a helper – the Holy Spirit

Read: 1 Sam. 16:7

- Man's greatest challenge is the fight between heart and head
- The Lord looks at the heart
- The Lord sees your battle in private
- David did not know what God prepared for him

Read: Gal. 5:16-23

- Last week - Nothing Big Started Big
- One small seed in the hand of God will become big
- Yet whenever you speak to Christians about seed, in the form of their life being a seed, their words being a seed, their thoughts being a seed, to a certain degree people are okay with that, but for some reason there is the big one that always gets good conversation going, the seed of finance or money or generosity or giving
- Yet to God not one is above the other

Read: John 12:24

- Seed has to fall into the ground and die before it can grow
- It was Martin Luther who said, "There are three conversions a person needs to experience: The conversion of the head, the conversion of the heart, and the conversion of the pocketbook."(wallet)
- Ask yourself – Is your hand open so that God can use you?

An open heart will lead to an open hand

- It is worth noting that money is such an important topic in the Bible that it is the main subject of nearly half of the parables Jesus told.
- In addition, one in every seven verses in the New Testament deals with this topic.
- The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, and more than 2,000 verses on money.
- In fact, 15 percent of everything Jesus ever taught was on the topic of money and possessions — more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined.
- Why such an emphasis on money and possessions?
- There is a direct connection between our spiritual lives our spiritual heart transplant and how we think about and handle money.

Thinking about money: Truth vs. Lie

Lie: Money is evil. It's in the bible.

- The Bible does not say that, no matter how often you've heard it.
- It's one of those things that people are sure is in Scripture, but they're wrong.

Truth: So what does the bible say about money?

Read: 1 Tim. 6:10

- Money is the least & one of the 1st discipleship test you & I will write is the Money Test.

Read: Luke 16:10-13

- An open heart treats Money as a servant but people with a closed heart to Gods Spirit,Gods purpose on the earth treats money as a master.
- Open hearts lead to open hands.

Rich young ruler:**Read: Luke 18:18-23**

- Rich young ruler's perspective was purely external - Heart was shut to Jesus way, Jesus truth, and Jesus life.
- Attitude was my external (money, fame, success, etc.) could gain me favour with God, even gain me access to heaven.
- Only an open heart will lead to an open hand.

Zaccheus:**Read: Luke 19:1-10**

- When Zaccheus the tax collector heart was opened, he did not have to be asked or forced or even reasoned with, he opened his hand to the poor, he opened his hand to making right with those who he falsely accused. He wanted to right his wrongs. He declared to Jesus that he would give half his possessions to the poor and would pay back four times the amount he had overcharged anyone on their taxes.
- Zaccheus' encounter with Christ affected every aspect of his life, his head, his heart and including his pocketbook.
- It is impossible for a heart that has been touched by God & opened to God not to touch & open your hand.

God so loved us that He sent His son to open His hand on the cross for you and me.

Read: John 3:16

- His first sign to His disciples after His resurrection was His nailed pierced hands that were opened for us

Luke 24:40 NKJV

- When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

Mark 10:16 NKJV

- And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 5:23 NKJV

- A hand of help, a hand of hope, a hand of healing, a hand of generosity



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. Each one reach one.

Reminders:

- **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.