

HOMECELL NOTES

PS AIDAN – FOR THIS PURPOSE PART 2 6 August 2017

WELCOME: Welcome everyone in the HC and all FTV's.

WORSHIP: Sing 2 Praise and 2 Worship Songs.

WORD

FOR THIS PURPOSE - PART 2

Read: Luke 4:43 NKJV

- Two greatest days of a person's life is the day he is born and the day he discovers why.
- Purpose – the reason for which something exists
- Last week we saw that the purpose of our lives are to win souls
- Do not confuse your function with your purpose
 - Your function is what you do (your career or profession)
 - Your purpose is why you do it

For this purpose you have been sent – to build the church

- The church is the hope of the world
- The church is the change agent of the world
- The local municipality can change city policies
- The local government can change legislation
- The local hospital can change physical hearts, but it's only the church of Jesus Christ that can change man's heart of stone back to God
- The church is the place where man's hopelessness is turned into hope, man's fears into faith and man's unbelief into belief
- Change can only come in society when the church understands its purpose and continues in its purpose
- We can sometimes be unhappy about things or our function – but consider Joseph

Read: Gen. 45:5 NKJV

- Society does not see the change it so desperately needs, because often Christians are only challenged to function of serve somewhere in church instead of being equipped to build and mobilize the church
- Jesus was sent, that means He was mobilized to go and not sit
 - Two thirds of God's name is GO, whilst two thirds of Satan's name is SAT
- The privilege of being part of CRC is that the 1st word in our Vision is "Building" building one church in many locations
- "To build" the church is spoken of in scripture by Jesus
- Jesus told Peter, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail"

Read: Matt. 16:18 NKJV

- Jesus instructs us that the way we build our lives and the church will determine how we weather the storms of life
 - One was built on sand
 - The other was built on rock

Read: Matt. 7:24-27 NKJV

- Jesus also taught of the cost analysis before building
 - Before you build a building, consider the cost

Read: Luke 14:28-30 NKJV

- A call to Christ is a call to build
- For evil to prevail, all it takes is for good men to do nothing
- We are not a church or generation who will not build, for this purpose we have been sent, to build
- Nehemiah experienced this when he saw how a generation before had built much but his generation had chosen to let their guard down causing a while city wall to be destroyed, ultimately destroying the city and previous lives.
- Thank God for courageous people like Nehemiah who said, I am not going to sit around and see my city, my generation, my salvation be destroyed because of apathy, comfort or laziness. No, I am going to re-build my city's walls
- Nehemiah said, for this purpose I have been sent, I am a builder
- For God to use your life to build His church, you have to be positioned in the church, in the wall

Read: Neh. 4:13-14 NKJV

Q: Have you taken up your position in the church and have you positioned your family in the church?

- God has chosen builders like Nehemiah here today that will make a stand for their God and faith and say, for this purpose we have been sent, come let us build
- Nehemiah's cornerstone for his wall was rock, but our cornerstone to build is Christ the solid rock

Read: Eph. 2:19-22 and 1 Pet. 2:4-5 NKJV

- We are living stones, being built up and when living stones report to build, hell does not prevail
- But when Christians stop building and settle for function over purpose, society suffers unnecessarily
- As God in His wisdom gave Nehemiah a strategy and instruction on how to build with physical stones, so God gave the Apostles a strategy and instruction on how to build the church with living stones

1. Build Spiritually

The church was birthed in the Spirit

Read: Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

The church is birthed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Man had an opinion that they are drunk with wine and that they are just crazy Christians

2. Build through preaching and teaching the Word

But then Peter (Full of faith & full of the Holy Spirit) preaches his first sermon...as the church.

Read: Acts 2:36-39

3. Build numerically

Read: Acts 2:40-41

So we see baptisms, growth and multiplication

It was not function that caused growth of the church, it is not involvement in the church that causes growth, its action of the church that causes growth

4. Build strategically

Read: Acts 2:42

Win the lost and mend the nets

5. Build Supernaturally

Read: Acts 2:43

6. Build financially (Generosity)

Read: Acts 2:44-45

7. Build consistently.(Sunday and Wednesday)

Read: Acts: 2:46

8. Build victoriously

Read: Acts: 2:47

WORKS:

OUR MANDATE STATEMENT:

WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST

Reminders:

- Invite your world to Church and Homecell!
- **Save the dates:**
 - Business Breakfast 19 August 2017 at Pampoenkraal at 07:00 (ensure to book your seat)
 - Dreamweek 3 – 6 October 2017
 - #SHE Conference 27 – 28 October 2017

