

HOMECCELL NOTES

PS AIDAN – For God so loved the world (Part 1)

15 April 2018

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

WORSHIP: Sing 2 Praise and 2 Worship Songs.

WORD

For God so loved the world. (Part 1)

Read: John 3:16 NKJV

- This is most likely the most well-known scripture verse in the bible even known by unbelievers but until not encountered by unbelievers it will simply just remain a well-known verse.
- It's one thing to know about God but it is a totally different thing to encounter God, because an encounter with God is an encounter with love.

John 3:16 reveals 4 encounters God intends for everyone to have when He sent Jesus to the earth in the flesh.

- **1st Encounter God wants man to have is an encounter with love.**
- **2nd Encounter God wants man to have is an encounter with generosity.**
- **3rd Encounter God wants man to have is an encounter of faith and belief**
- **4th Encounter God wants man to have is the finished work of Jesus on the cross and the promise of eternal life in heaven**

1st Encounter – God's love

- Not to focus on only God's love for us, but to understand that God call you to use you to lead people into the presence of God, so they too can encounter His love for themselves.
- The first disciples Jesus called were fisherman.
- Not only did they encounter Him personally, but He immediately shifts their focus from personal impact to purposeful impact.

Read: Mark 1:17 NKJV

- Follow me is personal, and I will make you fishers of men becomes purposeful.
- Everything Jesus did was personally for purpose.

Read: Luke 19:10 NKJV

For the Son of Man has come (*Personal*) to seek and to save that which was lost."(*Purpose*)

Read: Matt. 20:28 NKJV

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, (*Personal*) but to serve, (*Purposeful*) and to give His life a ransom for many."

What causes Christians and the church of Jesus Christ to lose their impact in society?

- When Christ is kept personal and not purposeful.
- Christianity is not about only coming to church, but Christianity is about being the church.
- Jesus is the head and we are the body.
- It's always encountering Christ personally to take Christ purposefully.

At CRC we teach our members not only personal Christianity but purposeful Christianity

- Win the lost at any cost.
- Each one reach one.
- My life has a purpose, the purpose of my life is to win souls.
- I can best fulfil my purpose in a group.
- I must work while it is called day for I have no promise of tomorrow.

We must hold each other accountable to keep ourselves in purpose, purposefully taking the love of Jesus to our worlds.

- The first encounter God wants every human to encounter is His love.
- You cannot love unconditionally before you have not encountered God's unconditional love.

Read: 1 John 4:8 NKJV

- God's love to many is simply informational – Christmas or Easter
- But God's love can never simply be informational because God's love is transformational.

Saul who before he had his own God encounter on the road to Damascus he was anti-Christ, anti-church and anti-love. He tells Timothy what he was like before he encountered Christ.

Read: 1 Tim. 1:12-14 TLB

The Bible is describing a transformation from old to new, instead of being:

- anti-Christ became unashamed of Christ
- Instead of being the persecutor of the church became the promoter of the church.
- Instead of being full of hatred and anger he became full of love and peace.

God is not an angry God, or an out to get you or judge God. The Bible does not say for God so hated the world or God so loved my world only.

God is an all-inclusive God, including every colour, culture and creature – God's love is available to all.

Read: Eph. 3:17-19 NKJV and 1 Cor. 13:1-8,13 NLT

Ask yourself: Who in your world at work needs to encounter God's love?

Read: Phil. 3:7-11 NKJV

WORKS:

OUR MANDATE STATEMENT:

WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST

Reminders:

- Invite your world to Church and Homecell!
- Work through your invite lists and pray for the people you want to invite
- Harvest 23 May – tickets are selling fast. Ensure you get your ticket and invite someone

