



Sunday 10 April 2016

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

Ps Aidan – Empowered or purpose



WELCOME

Welcome each member and make time to find out how it's going with each one. Give them some time to share their stories.

WORSHIP

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

WORD

Empowered for Purpose!

We know God does nothing without a purpose.

- He created the earth on purpose for a purpose.
- He created man on purpose for a purpose.
- He created you on purpose for a purpose.
- He sent Jesus to the earth in the form of flesh on purpose for a purpose.

Read: Mark 1:37-38 and John 3:16-17

- God sent His Son on purpose. He was not sent to condemn you but to save you
- So too on Pentecost Sunday God sent the Holy Spirit on purpose for a purpose.

Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:1-4

1. Holy Spirit was sent to empower you for a purpose
So many yearn for power...Financial, military, political, institutional...
2. Holy Spirit is a spiritual mirror of Jesus.
We become spiritually filled with the nature and heart of Jesus.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit....
3. Holy Spirit empowers us to talk and tell people about Jesus unashamedly.
Holy Spirit was not given to entertain the church or to make preachers famous but was given to advance the church by making Jesus famous.

Bible tells us that Before Simon Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit
He was a man with a Reed like Character:

- A man swayed between two opinions.
- A man when Jesus was with him showed the potential Jesus saw in him, when he walked on water, but when Jesus was not with him became ashamed of Jesus when a twelve year old girl asked him "Were you not with Jesus of Galilee?"
- Simon: I do not know what you are saying!!
- A man who when Jesus asked him do you love me with an Agape love (The God kind of love), he could only reply "Yes Lord you know I Phileo you" (I have a friendship love for you)

Ask yourself: Can you relate with Peter like I could at one time in my life?

- Showed so much promise but was reed like in so many areas of my life.(Swayed between so many opinions)
- When asked about my Faith and Belief in Jesus would be ashamed to stand up for my belief.
- Loved myself more than I loved God or the things of God.

Read: Acts 2:14, 22-23, 36-41

Peter was empowered for Purpose!!

What moved the people?

Peter:

Acts 4:2

...being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Phillip:

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Paul:

Acts 17:18-20

Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. [19] And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? [20] For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

The Holy Spirits purpose was to empower us to preach Jesus.

We are empowered for purpose.

You shall receive power.....

Read: Rom. 1:14 -17

The gospel is the power.....

The Gospel is the testimony of Jesus.

Listen to what Jesus said His job description was once the Holy Spirit had come upon Him.

Read: Luke 4:18-19

Does our message (purpose) preach Good News to the poor or judgment and condemnation?

- Does our message (purpose) heal broken hearts? Or break hearts?
- Does our message (purpose) proclaim freedom to those held captive in areas of their lives? Or does our message cause more captives?

- Does our message (purpose) help the blind to find their way? Or is it the blind leading the blind?
- Does our message (purpose) bring freedom to the oppressed? Or does our message cause greater oppression?
- Does our message (purpose) proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord? Or does our message preach a future full of fear & uncertainty?

Read: Eph. 4:29, Rom. 8:9 and 1 Cor. 2:9-12

Pentecost power empowers us to represent Jesus well.

Each one Reach one – do your “One Thing”



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:

- Prayer at church on Monday evening at 18:30 – invite everyone in homecell
- Next Wednesday evening homecell with Ps Sharon at church – 18:30 – 19:00