

HOMECCELL NOTES

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

WORD

Luke 4:18-19 NKJV

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; [19] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

The Gospel has been, and still is, the greatest message to overcome every challenge and circumstance in life. The Gospel transforms!

The Gospel:

- Addresses POVERTY – to preach the gospel to the poor
- Addresses SORROW – to heal the broken-hearted
- Addresses BONDAGE – proclaim liberty to the captives
- Addresses SUFFERING – recovery of sight to the blind
- Addresses OPPRESSION – set at liberty those who are oppressed
- Proclaims the ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD – the dawning of a new era for this world's sighing, sobbing multitudes.

Q: How have you experienced the power of the gospel to change your life when compared to mere motivation or religion?

You might have heard religion or motivation which either condemns or does not last, but the power of the Gospel will not leave you the way it found you. It is transformational!

Q: The first aspect of humanity that Jesus (the Gospel) speaks to is POVERTY. Why do you think so?

Unless someone is lifted out of or freed from the curse of poverty, all the other challenges remain (sorrow, bondage, suffering, oppression, hopelessness and helplessness).

Ask a cell member to read Mark 8:35

The Gospel's power only works when you fully receive it, believe it and apply it.

Ask a cell member to read John 10:10

The thief knows if he can get the Church to stay closed, it means the church potentially will not gather to hear the gospel. Without the gospel, poverty will start to creep in:

- Poverty mindset
- Poverty faith
- Poverty commitment
- Poverty vision
- Poverty generosity

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 AMPC

For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favour and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied).

The opposite of poor is rich. The opposite of poverty is abundance. God wants us to be blessed and prosper. The Gospel is a message of abundance!

Ask cell members to read Mark 8:36 & Luke 12:16-21 & Matthew 25:29-30

Q: What does Jesus expect us to do with our abundance?

Our abundance is not for ourselves to hoard. Blessing should flow through you; the Gospel should activate generosity within you. Money is not evil in and of itself, but it should not take the place of God in your life (Matthew 6:24). Whatever gift or talent you have, don't settle for less, for poverty, for just-enough, for excuses.

Ask cell members to read John 8:36; 14:1; Romans 1:16; Philippians 4:13 and 1 John 4:4; 5:4-5

If Jesus addresses poverty as His first assignment it means he wants to free the poor.

Q: How can we practically help to break the cycle of poverty in people's lives?

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

The number 20 in the Bible symbolizes the cycle of waiting and completeness followed by RELEASE AND REWARD!

The Gospel transforms! We are blessed to be a blessing!

WORKS

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

