

HOMECELL NOTES

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL Part 3

13 SEPTEMBER 2020

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 4:18a NKJV

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor;"

The Gospel transforms!

The Bible tells of one of the greatest transformation and reformation testimonies: Saul the persecutor to Paul the preacher.

Ask a cell member to read Acts 9:3-6

Q: What can we learn from how Paul responded to the Gospel?

The Gospel must activate the question: "Who are you Lord?"; the beginning of transformation. Followed by the reform question: "What do you want me to do?", not "What do you want me to have?". God always transforms for purpose.

Read Acts 20:35 Voice

"This is my last gift to you, this example of a way of life: a life of hard work, a life of helping the weak, a life that echoes every day those words of Jesus our King, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The purpose of being blessed is to bless others, to bring reform.

Ask cell members to read Romans 12:2, James 1:5-8 & Hebrews 6:13-19

Q: One of the ways the Gospel transforms us is through the renewal of our minds. How do we sometimes frustrate or block this process?

- By being double-minded
- By believing our circumstances rather than the Word of God ("I'll believe it when I see it, rather than, "I'll see it when I believe it")
- By speaking *about* our circumstances rather than preaching the Gospel to our circumstances
- By allowing the waves to "shipwreck our faith" rather than staying anchored to the Word and the promise that God gave us

Ask cell members to read Matthew 14:25-33, Psalm 65:11 & Isaiah 1:19

Q: God is able to do the impossible. According to these verses, what is our part?

- To believe God at His Word
- To step out of the boat rather than to “play it safe”
- To respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit
- To submit our will to His will and say, “Not my will be done, Lord, but Your will.”

Ask a cell member to read Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Saul was burned out on religion. Religion asks, “What do you want me **not** to do?”

Ask a cell member to read Romans 1:16-17

The Greek word *soteria*, meaning “salvation,” is related to *sos*, meaning “safe and sound,” reminding us that what God had made available to mankind through Christ was the possibility of spiritual safety and deliverance and wholistic soundness. Safety for all eternity—soundness for all of life.

But the Gospel goes beyond that and reveals *what God is like* as well as what God will give. It demonstrates *who He is* in addition to what He does.

Q: Like Paul, instead of asking, “Where are you Lord?”, we should be asking “Who are you Lord?”

How do we show the world who God is?

- Preaching the Good News
- Living by faith in the goodness and greatness of Jesus and the Gospel message
- Walking and working with God, according to the rhythms of His grace
- Through our own transformation
- Living a life of purpose that extends beyond ourselves

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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?

