

HOMECELL NOTES

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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 2 Worship songs)

WORD

John 15:26 The Passion Translation

“And I will send you the Divine Encourager from the very presence of my Father. He will come to you, the Spirit of Truth, emanating from the Father, and he will speak to you about me.

Ask a few cell members to read John 14:15-19 & John 16:7-13

QUESTION 1: In John 16:7 Jesus makes the following statement: *“It is to your advantage that I go away...”* Why would you say was it to the disciples’ advantage (*and our advantage*) for Jesus to go away?

Answer: If Jesus did not go away, He could not send the Holy Spirit (see the rest of v7). The implication of this was that Jesus now had the ability to be with each and everyone of His disciples, all the time, no matter where they would go. With the Holy Spirit in them, they had Jesus’ Representative in them.

QUESTION 2: Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the **Divine Encourager**. How would you define an encourager?

Answer: The best way to define “encourager” is to refer to a cheerleader... someone cheering you on to do what God called you to do and to live this life victoriously.

QUESTION 3: In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit acting as Encourager in your life. Share some personal experiences and testimonies?

Ask a cell member to read 1 Kings 19:1-13

QUESTION 4: Here we have a classic example of how God intervened in someone’s everyday life. With what part in this story do you relate? Why?

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS FIRST LIFT YOU AND ENCOURAGE YOU BEFORE HE DIRECTS YOU.

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QUESTION 5: Can you identify some sort of pattern in this story in how God restored Elijah?

(It's important to note that the Angel in this instance refers to Jesus. Keep in mind that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to represent Him in our lives. We can therefore conclude that the Holy Spirit will do exactly the same in our lives today.)

- Answer: 1. The Angel **comforted** him... baked cake, made him eat, then made him rest,
2. The Angel **re-assured** him... you are not alone there are 7000 others,
3. The Angel **recovered** him... still small voice,
4. The Angel **directed** him... continue with your assignment.

Ask a few cell members to read John 16:13, Proverbs 20:27, Romans 8:14

QUESTION 6: In line with what we've been discussing, what can we learn from these scriptures?

Answer: *The Holy Spirit will cheer you on to take the right steps in and through this journey of life.*

LIVING IN TUNE TO THE VOICE AND DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE IF WE WANT TO RECOVER AND ACCOMPLISH ALL GOD HAS FOR US!

QUESTION 7: What can we practically do to live more in tune with the Holy Spirit?

- Answer: 1. We need to spend more **time in prayer**, especially praying in tongues (look at 1 Corinthians 14:2, 4; Jude 1:20; Jeremiah 33:3)
2. We need to spend more **time in worship** (look at Ephesians 5:18, 19)
3. We need to spend more **time in the Word** to build our faith (look at Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:17)
4. We need to spend more **time listening**, practicing to discern the voice of God and the unction of the Holy Spirit (look at John 10:27)
5. We need to **learn to instantly obey** the Word of God and the prompting of the Holy Spirit (look at James 1:22)

WORKS

1 Corinthians 16:9 The Passion Translation

There's an amazing door of opportunity standing wide open for me to minister here, even though there are many who oppose and stand against me.

Pastor At is spear-heading the charge for churches to be opened to full capacity. We can no longer just stand by and see how peoples' lives are affected and influenced, yet do nothing! Let's pray tonight, standing in the gap and in agreement for the following:

- For supernatural favour for Pastor At with our political leaders
- For greater opportunities to present itself to preach the gospel
- For confusion amongst the ranks of the enemy and for the enemy to be silenced