

HOMECELL NOTES

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS THERE IS FREEDOM

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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell and 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

2 Corinthians 3:12-17 NKJV

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech- [13] unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. [14] But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. [15] But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. [16] Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

As Christians, we do not have to live a life of bondage and captivity. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of one of the biggest benefits from the sending of the Holy Spirit - that is freedom!

Ask a few cell members to read John 14:16, 26; Philippians 4:13, 1 John 4:4 and Acts 1:8

Q: According to these verses what was the purpose of the sending of the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is Christ to us on the earth today
- To help us in our Christian walk as we overcome challenges and obstacles
- To remind us of promises from God's Word
- To teach and guide us
- To give us boldness to be a witness
- To empower us to fulfil our purpose which is Christ's purpose

One of the greatest benefits of receiving the Holy Spirit is freedom!

When we consider our freedom, we learn from the Bible that the sending of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit were each for a specific purpose

Ask a few cell members to read John 10:7; 8:36 and 2 Corinthians 3:17

Jesus is the door to freedom – He sets us free

The Holy Spirit is the dwelling of freedom – He keeps us free

Q: In what areas of your life have you experienced freedom since you've come to know Christ?

We are also on a journey. In the process of sanctification, the Holy Spirit is still forming the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

Ask a cell member to read Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me...”

Even Jesus operated under the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil his purpose.

- *“To preach the gospel to the poor”*
A blessed person is a free person
- *“He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted”*
A whole person is a free person
- *“To proclaim liberty to the captives”*
A person released from the captivity of abusive relationships or addictions or sickness is a free person
- *“And recovery of sight to the blind”*
A person with vision is a free person
- *“To set at liberty those who are oppressed”*
A person who is set free from a mind held captive to unbelief, doubt and fear is a free person
- *“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD”*
This is our year of God's divine restoration and recovery. This is the acceptable year of the Lord.

Q: God sends us heaven's power to activate purpose in and through our lives. Jesus's purpose now becomes our purpose. Which one of these spoke to you the most? Why?

Q: Are you walking in the freedom of the Lord? Do you need God's Spirit to break open some prison doors in your life?

This is your year of freedom!

WORKS

Pray for one another, especially that you may walk in the freedom of the Lord. If anyone has not yet received the Holy Spirit, pray for them to receive Him.

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?

