

# HOMECELL NOTES

## REPORT FOR DUTY (Part 1)

20 FEBRUARY 2022

### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell whether online or physical.  
If HC is on Zoom only - do an Icebreaker on WhatsApp ± 15 minutes before Zoom cell.  
If HC is physical – do an Icebreaker for approx. 10 minutes at start of HC.

### WORSHIP

If HC is physical -1 Praise & 2 Worship. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together. End Worship 2 in prayer.

If ZOOM only - Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts.

### WORD

We repented and reset ourselves and now it is time to report

**2 Tim. 2:1-7** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

Paul is writing to Timothy from prison after hearing of the persecution the church was facing and because of the persecution many Christians had defected the church and rejected their faith and went back to their old ways.

#### **Q: What is God saying to Timothy through Paul with regards to persecution?**

A: We need to be hard working and faithful in what we do. Persecution and church crisis only serve to reveal the genuineness of our faith and who the true generals of the faith are. It will always reveal our commitment versus pretence. In Paul's letter to Timothy he says the following:

1. Fight like a soldier
2. Train like an athlete
3. Work hard like a farmer

#### **Ask a homecell member to read 2 Tim. 2:3 (NKJV)**

#### **Q: How can we as homecell members fight like soldiers? (A few members can share)**

- A:
- Enduring hardship is part of our Christian living, we therefore must fight like soldiers

- We must advance the Kingdom of God
- It is a partnership that connects you to someone else
- We have to endure hardships for someone else
- Each one of us need to report for duty because if we don't what will happen if we give up?

**Ask a homecell member to read 2 Cor. 6:1 (NKJV)**

**Q: What does workers together means?**

A: Workers together describes people connected in pursuit of a shared goal. We are therefore not working for the Lord by ourselves but together with others and the Lord. We have fellow soldiers who checks our back when we move forward. We are called to endure hardship together.

**Q: What does the Bible tell us to do when we endure hardship?**

A: We need to fight like soldiers. We must face our enemies and be loyal and committed to our fellow soldiers.

**Ask a few homecell members to read 2 Cor. 11:24-29, 2 Tim. 2:11-16, 2 Tim. 1:3-5 and 2 Tim 1:6-7**

**Q: As a homecell what truths can we take from Paul's letter to Timothy and apply on a daily basis?**

A:

- What is a trial to a young soldier of Christian is the testimony of a general as generals have passed many tests and trials by enduring hardship
- Paul was teaching Timothy to isolate the trial as not everyone had left the faith of defected the church
- Paul was saying your obedience to your call is much more important than your obsession with your circumstances
- Circumstances are not your destiny as it is temporary, but our calling is permanent
- Your call to duty and mission is to rescue and recover the lost and come back alive.

## WORKS

1. **PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) lost & prodigals on your prayer or target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1 or groups of 2-3)
2. **CARE** - As a HC, identify urgent needs (among people in your immediate world) - food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business, career, employment needs, emotional needs etc.). How can we meet those needs?
3. **DISCIPLESHIP** - Equip HC in Basic Doctrine (Water Baptism, Tongues, Serving, Giving, Honour, Vision)
4. **EVANGELISM** - Equip HC in reaching their world (Build relationship with Oikos, Identify Man of Peace, Share Your Verbal Witness, Invite to Church & HC)

**NB\* When there are First Time Visitors - ALTARCALL - The main reason for having homecell is to get people saved! #WinTheLostAtAnyCost**