

HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR DON PHILLIPS
THE SEASONS ARE CHANGING
16 March 2022

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

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

WORD

People are already starting to talk about a new normal. They are not talking about something that glorifies God but they are driving us into more fear! We refuse this! For us there is no new normal from the world. God is the same: yesterday, today and forever.

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QUESTION 1: What are some of the life-lessons you've learn from the past two years?

Proverbs 18:14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?

QUESTION 2: How have you altered and adjusted your spiritual life to weather similar storms? What spiritual foundations have you laid to strengthen your own and your family life?

Ask a few cell members to read Romans 8:28, Psalms 30:5b

QUESTION 3: Seasons (naturally and spiritually) do change. What is the one guarantee we have, according to the Apostle Paul, when it comes to the different seasons in our life?

Answer: The Apostle Paul is clear: no matter what we face, we have this confidence that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD. No matter which season I'm in, I know God will work it for my good!

Seasons don't last! No matter how hard or how long winter seemed to be, when its season is over, winter will pass!

Ps Don Phillips

Matthew 11:29 Message Bible

Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

QUESTION 4: What do you think Jesus meant when He spoke of “unforced rhythms of grace”?

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Answer: When Jesus spoke of “the unforced rhythms of grace,” He means that there is an ease and enjoyment when you understand and walk in His grace. You have this inner witness and confidence that His will and plan will manifest in your life – no matter your current situation. This is in contrast to the struggle and strain found in self-effort, fear and doubt.

We need to embrace the seasons in our life. We can do this when we realize that God never deserts us when we go through tough seasons in our life. He will be there in every season of your life.

Ps Don Phillips

Ask a few cell members to read Jeremiah 29:1-4; Psalms 137:1-6

QUESTION 5: The elite of Israel found themselves being enslaved by Nebuchadnezzar? According to the Psalmist what were the state they found themselves in? How do you relate to this?

Answer: They were devastated. They were morbid and sad. They found themselves in a place of hopelessness.

Ask a cell member to read Jeremiah 29:5-7

QUESTION 6: What was God’s advise to them in this challenging season of their life?

Answer: God challenged them to not allow the reality of their circumstances get to them. They had to do whatever they had to do to “... thrive in that country and not waste away.”

QUESTION 7: What would you say are some of the reasons why people waste and dwindle away when they go through some rough seasons in their life?

Ask a cell member to read Jeremiah 29:10-14 (*preferably from the Message Bible*)

QUESTION 8: According to this passage, what would you say is some keys to sustain yourself when you go through a challenging season in your life?

*Answer: 1. Never forget that God has a plan for your life and this plan is unchanging (Romans 11:29)
2. Keep hope alive – God will give you the future YOU hope for
3. When we seek God in our challenging seasons, we will find Him
4. God will change things around – no season lasts forever*

WORKS

The school holiday is upon us. We want to ask you to continue with your homecell but in a more “social” way where possible. We suggest the following:

- Wednesday 23 March – Worship & ministry evening
- Wednesday 30 March – Harvest event & social evening

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