

HOMECELL NOTES

AGGRESSIVELY ADVANCE AND EXPAND

21 AUGUST 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 Zoomcell.
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

Hebrews 12:4-13 MSG

"In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don't feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as his children?"

My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either.

It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God? We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God's training so we can truly live? While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best. At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off big-time, for it's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.

12-13 So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. And run for it!"

Ps Aidan shared a special word from God, instructing our church to get back to intentionally, noticeably and aggressively advancing and expanding his kingdom!

He laid a charge before us in four areas:

1. Faces

Ask a cell member to read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

- We need to see new faces in church

- The veil of deception is still over people's faces even though we're no longer wearing masks, a veil that is preventing them from seeing Christ
- Christ has come that people may worship God face to face

Q: What do we need to do to see God's kingdom expand aggressively in this area?

- Pray for the lost with renewed intensity!
- Invite the lost to church so that the veil will be removed
- Reach out to prodigals and invite them back to church
- Disciple new believers so that we see their faces returning each week
- Don't come alone to church – bring some other faces!

2. Facilities

Ask a cell member to read 2 Chronicles 4: 9-10

Q: Who would like to share a personal conviction they have on their heart to expand God's territory? How has praying the prayer of Jabez influenced you?

[Allow one or two people to share]

Q: Besides trusting God for land and a church facility, how else can we aggressively expand God's kingdom in this area?

- Trust God for farms that can be used to supply people with sustenance
- Open more homes and business for homecells and prayer meetings
- Be more aggressive in owning facilities as the church – buying land, having buildings – enlarging your capacity / territory
- The Bible says that if we seek first the Kingdom of God, he will add all other things to us. So, sacrificing part of what we own for kingdom purposes means blessing and favour over our marriages, homes, businesses

3. Finances

Ask a few cell members to read Philippians 4:17, Genesis 26:1-6, 12-13, Luke 5:3-5 and Mark 12:17

Q: What impact does fear have on our ability to give extravagantly and generously? How can we overcome that to expand God's kingdom aggressively in this area?

- Our works don't save us, but we are saved for good works!
- People are robbed of a harvest when they withhold their seed
- Some people are waiting for God and God is waiting for them
- You can't live off yesterday's victories and blessings. A farmer knows - every year a new harvest requires a new seed
- Toiling and striving will not get you anywhere. Trust in the God's instruction to you
- Give to SARS what belongs to them and give to God what belongs to him!

“Nothing advances in God's kingdom outside of sacrifice.” – Ps Aidan Jeffrey

4. Faith

Ask a few cell members to read Romans 10:17 and Hebrews 11:6

Q: The Word is critical to our faith. It must first be in our hearts, then our mouths, then our actions. What must we do then to develop our faith and aggressively expand God's kingdom?

- Study the Word, speak the Word and do the Word!

WORKS

- (1) PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) Lost & prodigals on Your Prayer/Target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1/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