

HOMECELL NOTES

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT (Pt 1)

18 SEPTEMBER 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

1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Q: How does it feel watching the replay of a sporting match when you know the outcome – that your team wins?

[Allow one or two people to share an example]

Ask a cell member to read Revelation 17:12-14

Q: Who are the “those who are with him” referred to in this passage? And who is the war against?

That's us! As soon as we are saved, we enter a war.
We have a spiritual enemy that needs to be crushed and beaten!

Q: Why do you think it's called a “good fight”?

“Our fight of faith is called a “good fight” because Jesus fights in the fight with us. And a good fight is a fight we win.” – Ps Aidan Jeffery

Ask a few cell members to read Matthew 11:12, Ephesians 3:20, Ephesians 6:11-13, 1 Corinthians 15:57 and 1 John 5:4-5

Q: There is a godly way to fight a battle and a fleshly way to fight our battle. What do you think is the difference?

- The fleshly way to fight is when we try to fight without Jesus, his Word, and his Spirit
- We can learn to outwit our spiritual enemy in order to fight the godly way

- The fleshly way usually involves us trying to gain victory or breakthrough in our own strength instead of walking and fighting by faith, allowing the power of God that is in us to gain the victory for us
- The Holy Spirit is the energiser, the power in us that gives us victory!
- A good fight also needs good armour

“We don’t fight for victory; we fight from victory.” – Ps Aidan Jeffery

Read 1 Timothy 1:18-19 NLT

“Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord’s battles. [19] Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.”

Q: What practical advice does Paul give Timothy in this passage that we can use?

- We must cling to our faith, and cling to the promises of God in our fight!
- As Christians we don’t have an option not to fight, because when we work for God, we are fighters!
- Each one of us has been purposed by God to walk in responsibility

There are 5 good fights we need to fight as Christians

1. Fight to be a strong Christian – **Ephesians 6:10**
2. Fight to be led by the Holy Spirit and to be in the will of God – **1 Corinthians 14:10**
3. Fight to walk in love – **Galatians 5:22-23**
4. Fight to enter your calling – **Luke 9:59-60**
5. Fight to stay in your calling – **2 Timothy 4:10**

Q: How can we as a homecell support one another in these fights?

- Pray for one another in the Spirit
- Declare the Word of God and his promises to one another
- Not allow the enemy to distract us from our purpose of advancing God's kingdom
- Pray over our target lists
- Actively choose to share the love of God despite our own circumstances and challenges

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