

# HOMECELL NOTES

## FRUIT PRODUCER OR FRUIT CARRIER?

19 FEBRUARY 2023

### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell whether online or in person.  
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 Homecell.

### WORSHIP

If Homecell is in person -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

#### **John 15:8 NKJV**

*"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."*

This is one of the most misunderstood scriptures in the body of Christ because many read it as "bearing fruit" but teach it as "producing fruit".

#### **Q: What is the difference between "bearing" and "producing"?**

- Producing is "I make the fruit" and bearing is, "I carry the fruit".

#### **Ask a few cell members to read Matthew 4:19, John 15:5, 16-17 and Luke 14:27.**

#### **Q: According to these scriptures, what is the purpose of every Christian?**

- Christ produces (or makes), we carry.
- Disciples of Christ are purposed to make disciples of Christ – not to avoid sin.
- God is glorified when we bear spiritual fruit.

**"Many are trying to produce fruit for God instead of carrying the fruit of God." – Ps Aidan Jeffery**

#### **Ask a cell member to read Galatians 5:22-23**

#### **Q: What do you think is the result of Christian branches without this fruit on display in the world?**

#### **On the other hand, what do you think is the result of Christian branches bearing "much fruit"?**

- Christians are the visible manifestation of God in the world – God is invisible, but the world can see the branches.
- When Christians carry the fruit of the Spirit the world will desire to eat from their fruit and want to know how to grow their own fruit.
- Without fruit, a branch becomes a stick – legalistic Christians end up judging others.
- Christians without fruit will not see a harvest.
- Our first responsibility is to make sure we're carrying this fruit.

**Ask a cell member to read John 15:1-5**

**Q: What does it mean to “abide” in practical terms?**

- Reading the Word of God
- Prayer
- Being part of a local church and its community (homecell)
- Witnessing to others
- Allowing God to “prune” us in certain areas - over time - to bear a particular fruit.

**Ask a cell member to read Acts 2:42, 44-47**

**Q: According to this scripture, what happens when we abide?**

- God adds to His church, and we see a harvest!

**What is hindering you from abiding in the vine?**

**Make a commitment to spend less time “abiding” in social media, Google and other commitments, and more time abiding in Christ!**

## WORKS

**(1) PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) lost & prodigals on your prayer or target lists (2) one another (lay hands 1-1/groups of 2-3)

**(2) CARE** - As a Homecell, 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 the Homecell in basic doctrine (Water Baptism, Tongues, Serving, Giving, Honour, Vision)

**(4) EVANGELISM** - Equip the Homecell 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 – ALTAR CALL - The main reason for having homecell is to get people saved! #WinTheLostAtAnyCost**