

HOMECELL NOTES

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

5 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

Matthew 5:13 AMP

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste (purpose), how can it be made salty? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and walked on by people [when the walkways are wet and slippery]."

Jesus likened a Christian disciple to salt and light.

Q: What significance do salt and light have in your day-to-day life? To answer, think for a moment what life would be like without them.

[Ask one or two members to share.]

Jesus used the powerful metaphor of salt to describe Christians, to emphasise the call and influence we bring to society.

"Salt" suggests at least four characteristics:

1. Purity
2. Thirst
3. Preservation
4. Flavour

Ask a cell member to read John 4:7-30.

Q: In what way did Jesus's conversation with the Samaritan woman contradict the legalistic manner of the Jews?

- Jesus did not condemn her for her sin, rather, he demonstrated to her the process from bondage to freedom, from blindness to sight.
- The world is not looking for more bondage through Christian judgement or legalism, but it is looking for purity from a contaminated society.

Ask a cell member to read John 4:28-30 again.

Q: How might the woman have responded had Jesus spoken to her with judgement and condemnation?

- She would have felt the weight of condemnation and perhaps a sense of hopelessness and despair for her sinful condition.

Q: What does her response tell us about how people should feel after speaking to us?

- People should be filled with hope and inspired as their vision is restored.
- People should be keen to know the source of our hope.
- People should then feel eager to share Jesus with their world.

“Christians are called to make society thirsty for righteousness, thirsty for a better way to live life.”

– Ps Aidan Jeffery

Ask a few cell members to read Luke 4:18-19 and Matthew 5:13b

Q: How exactly are we, as Christians, called to add flavour to the world?

- When salt is applied to food properly, it is not so that one can taste the salt, but so that the food itself tastes more authentically as it should.
- Christians are sent as salt to make a captive (lost soul) see their kingdom potential and purpose in life.
- Salt loses itself in service to the object that is being salted, and so should we.
- “My life has a purpose, and my purpose is to win souls.”

Are you still being salt in the world? Or have you lost your saltiness?

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