

HOMECELL NOTES

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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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 Zoom cell.
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

Matthew 5:14-16 AMP *"You are the light of [Christ to] the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; [15] nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. [16] Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Ask a homecell member to read Matthew 5:15b AMP

Q: What is the relationship between Christ being our message and us being the light to the world?

- We are the light of Christ to the world.
- As with salt, light is a service beyond itself.
- Light does not shine for itself only but gives light to all those in darkness around it.

"Jesus is the source of light, and us Christians are the reflection of His light" - Ps Aidan Jeffery

"Light" represents 4 things to the world:

1. Openness
2. Influence
3. Acceptance
4. Love

Ask a homecell member to read Matthew 11:28 AMP

Q: What does the above scripture tell you about Christ's light and our light?

- Christ is the light of the world and was open for all to come to Him.
- Our Christ light in the world should reflect an openness to the world.
- Our lighthouse should not shine to bring attention to ourselves, but to point the way to Christ.

- Light attracts, light brings hope, and we should be the light and point people to where safety is.

Ask a homecell member to read Matthew 5:16 AMP

Q: How does light influence the atmosphere and environment of everywhere it shines?

- Light dispels darkness by simply being present.
- When you are present and shine your light, you influence the places you live and work.
- When your light shines, God gets the glory.
- We must demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit.
- When you remove yourself from society, you allow darkness to prevail.

• **“Darkness is not the opposite of light. Darkness is the absence of light” - Ps Aidan Jeffery**

Ask a homecell member to read John 3:1-2a AMP, John 4:27-30 and Luke 23:39-43 TPT

Q From these verses what do learn from God's acceptance?

- Jesus was the epitome of light and acceptance.
- We do not have to approach Jesus in the dark and our shortfalls will be exposed in the light.
- The women at the well felt Jesus' acceptance with no condemnation and ran to tell her world about Jesus.
- Religion accepts on rules and regulations on terms and conditions. Christ accepts on no rules and no terms and conditions.

Ask a homecell member to read 1 John 4:7-21 MSG

Q According to these scripture verses how is God's love demonstrated through our light?

- God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
- Because of God's love and our relationship with God, we must continue to love each other.
- Jesus came to show the love of God to the world.
- We were first loved by God and now we must love.
- Loving God includes loving people. You have to love both.

WORKS

1. **PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) lost & prodigals on your prayer or target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1 or 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