

# HOMECELL NOTES

## THE PERFECT GOSPEL

21 MAY 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 19:16-22 NKJV**

*"Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" [17] So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." [18] He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honour your father and your mother,' 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' [20] The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" [21] Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." [22] But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."*

**Q: What does this passage reveal to you about man's quest to be perfect? How do you think this contrasts with the gospel message?**

- By keeping the law, man has always tried to be perfect through his outer behaviour.
- Jesus was talking to a Jewish man and through this conversation he revealed how impossible it is to keep the law.
- The gospel is perfect, but it does not expect you to be perfect.
- Perfection does not lie in how much you give up for Jesus but in how much Jesus gave up for you.

**"The Gospel is not a message of behaviour change but of identity change." – Ps Aidan Jeffery**

**Ask a cell member to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.**

**Q: All humans have one of two identities – either they are in Adam, or they are in Christ. How would you say your identity has changed since you have become "in Christ"?**

[Ask a few homecell members to share.]

- Being in Adam means you were born with an imperfect sin nature. Man has been on a quest ever since to make himself sinless and perfect.
- Being in Christ means you are a new creation – the sacrifice of Jesus changed our identity to a perfect identity in him.
- Perfection does not lie in how little you sin; perfection lies in how Christ cancelled sin through his own blood sacrifice.

**Ask a few cell members to read 1 John 5:4, Hebrews 10:12 and Hebrews 10:14**

**Q: What do these scriptures reveal about our identity in Christ?**

- We are overcomers, not because we overcome in our own power, but because we have placed our faith in Christ who has already overcome.
- Our sacrifices don't make us righteous, it's the once forever sacrifice of Christ that makes us righteous.
- The gospel is a perfect gospel not because we are perfect through our own human effort but because his sacrifice changed our identity to a perfect identity in him.

**Ask a cell member to read Romans 5:1-11 TPT**

**Q: What do you think will happen if all Christians truly walk in their new Christ identity?**

[Ask one or two members to share.]

## 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**