

HOMECCELL NOTES

BETTER SERIES PT 3: A BETTER COVENANT

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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

Hebrews 8:6-7 NKJV

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. [7] For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

Q: What is a covenant?

- An agreement, a pledge or an unbreakable promise.
- The last will and testament which one makes of his earthly possessions after his death.

The Bible says the first covenant (Old Testament from Leviticus to John) had faults in it, so it required a new covenant (New Testament from the end of John and Acts to Revelation). The New Covenant still exists today.

Ask a homecell member to read Gal 4:21-31

Q: The Bible uses the story of Ishmael and Isaac to illustrate the difference between the two covenants. What does Paul instruct the Galatians in this passage to do with the Old Covenant? Why?

- He instructs them to cast it out—because the old “persecutes” the new.
- One of the biggest misunderstandings in Christianity is the difference between the two and/or the mixture of the two.

Ask a few homecell members to read Romans 7:4 and Galatians 3:21-25

Q: What illustrations does Paul use in these Scriptures to describe the difference between the two?

- He uses the marriage covenant as an example of dying to the law—when your husband dies you are free to marry another.

- The law was merely a tutor to show us the need for faith, for if there had been a law that could give man righteousness then salvation and righteousness would have come by the law.
- We now live by faith!

Ask a few homecell members to John 19:30, Matthew 26:26-28 and John 1:29

Q: When did the Old Covenant end? How?

- When Jesus offered Himself up as the perfect sacrifice.

Q: What would you say are some the major differences between how they used to live out the Old Covenant and how we live out the New Covenant?

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Ministered by animal blood (lambs) and was for Jews only	Ministered by the blood of Jesus—the Lamb of God shed for many.
Man's promise to God through their human obedience to keeping God's law.	God's promise to man through His Son's obedience for keeping His promise on Calvary.
You must.	He has.
Work for righteousness.	Receive righteousness.

Q: How did Ps Aidan's sermon challenge or encourage you not to mix the two Covenants?

[Ask one or two homecell 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 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

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