

HOMECCELL NOTES

BETTER SERIES PART 4

6 AUGUST 2023

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. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

Q: What is the meaning of established?

- It is to introduce and to put into force or into practice.

Ask a homecell member to read Deuteronomy 30:19-20 and Galatians 3:10-14NKJV

Q: What is the difference between the old and the new covenant?

- Under the old covenant the promise of blessing was dependent upon man's ability to keep the law and to love God first.
Under the new covenant better promises are based on Abraham's blessing of faith and not on Moses law of condition.
- The old covenant is against your sin that you might become guilty.
The new covenant is Jesus became sin for you and me that we might be made righteous.
- Old covenant promises were based on man's ability where the new covenant promises are based on Christ's ability.
- The old covenant was trusting in Moses and the new covenant is trusting in the Messiah.

Ask a homecell member to read Ephesians 3:20 and Philippians 4:19-20 NKJV

Q: What was the emphasis shift after the cross versus before the cross?

- The new covenant promises have shifted from the old covenant where man made promises towards God and based on man's ability to keep those promises determined their rewards, righteousness, and their rest.
- The new covenant promises is where God makes promises toward us through faith in Jesus.
- Christ now becomes our great reward. He makes us righteous as we now enter His rest.

Top 10 promise perspective differences between the old and new covenants:

1. Gal. 5:22-23 NKJV - Old covenant promises were based on works of the flesh; new covenant promises are based on the fruit of the Spirit.
2. Heb. 8:12 NKJV – Old covenant promises are based on sin being covered and always reminded. New covenant promises are based on sin being cancelled and never reminded.
3. 2 Cor. 5:17 NKJV – Old covenant promises were the result of behaviour change. New covenant promises are the result of identity change.
4. Eph. 2:1 NKJV – Old covenant promises are based on your being bad and becoming good. New covenant promises are about you being dead and now having been made alive.
5. Gal. 3:13-14 NKJV – Old covenant promises were rewarded with blessing and punished with curses. New covenant promises are Jesus was punished to take away the curse so that Abraham's blessing may permanently be ours.
6. 1 Cor. 11:24 – Old covenant promises were that you get broken if you failed. New covenant promises are that Christ was broken so that you can live victoriously.
7. Eph. 4:32 KJVS – Old covenant promises where you must first forgive before God forgives you. New covenant promises are we forgive because He has forgiven us through Jesus.
8. 1 John 4:19 KJV – Old covenant promises are we must love God first before God will love us back. New covenant promises are we love God because He first loved us.
9. John 10:27-29 NKJV – Old covenant promises are you move in and out of salvation dependent on your sin count. New covenant promises are we can never lose our salvation based on Jesus' sin cancellation.
10. Eph. 2:8-10 NKJV – Old covenant promises are you must work for salvation through good works. New covenant promises are you receive salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Download the new CRC Cape Town App. Its free and can help in your discipleship journey and church community!

11 August 2023 – Half night prayer at CRC Cape Town 19:00 – 22:00

26 August 2023 – Ladies Spring Tea 9:00 – 12:00 (Tickets R150)

CRC Cares Mattress Drive