

# **HOMECCELL NOTES**

## JESUS, A FRIEND OF SINNERS

4 FEBRUARY 2024

### 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 11:16-19 TPT**

“How could I describe the people of this generation? You're like children playing games on the playground, yelling at their playmates, [17] ‘You don't like it when we want to play Wedding! And you don't like it when we want to play Funeral! You will neither dance nor mourn.’ [18] Why is it that when John came to you, neither feasting nor drinking wine, you said, ‘He has a demon in him!’? [19] Yet when the Son of Man came and went to feasts and drank wine, you said, ‘Look at this man! He is nothing but a glutton and a drunkard! He spends all his time with tax collectors and other sinners.’ But God's wisdom will become visible by those who embrace it.”

**God's strategy for reaching humanity with His love and freedom from sin was unconventional!**

**Q: According to this passage, how did Jesus defy conventional wisdom/societal norms of the day?**

#### **Ask a homecell member to read 1 Corinthians 3:19-21**

When Jesus sets out on establishing his earthly ministry and birthing his kingdom, He immediately rubs the religious the wrong way.

- Jesus sets out to hang with the sinners religion has labelled and cut off from experiencing the love and mercy of God.
- He is found in the marketplace eating with non-kosher people and drinking wine with those who are labelled sinners.
- Religion is rule-keeping. Relationship is God's Spirit ruling in your heart.
- Religion is laws to manage sin and modify behaviour. Relationship is identity change and heart transformation.

**Ask a few homecell members to read 1 John 5:12 and 1 John 2:20**

**Q: What sets us apart and makes us different from the world?**

God equips us with these unconventional gifts:

- Salvation (Christ now lives in us)
- The Holy Spirit (power, the fruit of the Spirit)
- The anointing (removes the burden and breaks the yoke)
- Supernatural wisdom (God's wisdom is foolishness to the world)

**Ask a homecell member to read 1 Peter 2:9-10.**

**Q: We should also wear the title “friend of sinners” with great joy. What is the difference between compromising your faith to fit in, and being a “friend of sinners”?**

- Our presence should attract sinners, not repel them! That doesn't mean you need to adopt their lifestyle and habits (we are in the world, not of the world).

**Ask a homecell member to read Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-6.**

**Q: What should our mission be in becoming friends of sinners?**

- Our mission is not to be perfect and avoid sin. Our mission is to tell the world that God made Him who knew no sin, to become sin for me, so that I could be made the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus.
- It's not a WWJD (“What would Jesus do?”), where the focus is on us, but WHJD (“What has Jesus done?”) that focuses the attention on Him!
- There are people in your world yearning to embrace the love, goodness, mercy and freedom of God, but they need an anointed, Christ-filled, new identity understanding Christian to hang with them and talk Jesus to them. Not an anointed, Christ-filled, legalistic, self-appointed sin-identifying Christian to throw stones at them.

**This week, let's make it our mission to tell the world that they no longer have to be lost but are able to have a living relationship with a living God!**

## 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

**We're excited to move to our new location! 10 Climor street, Stikland**

**Building pledge:** “But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.” – Isaiah 32:8 NLT

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