

HOMECCELL NOTES

JESUS, LEAVING BEHIND THE OLD TO EMBRACE THE NEW

3 March 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

Ask a homecell member to read John 19:30.

Q: What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “It is finished”?

- We now have the free gift of being righteous and reconciled to God.
- Jews and Gentiles no longer ever have to be made right with God through keeping the impossible requirements that the law of Moses demanded.
- Humanity could now leave behind the old and embrace the new; leave behind the weight of the Law and embrace their new freedom in Christ.
- You no longer had to live lawfully but could now live faithfully and mercifully.

Ask a homecell member to read Romans 10:4, Philippians 3:12-14, Romans 8:3 and Hebrews 9:28.

Q: What does it mean when we say that Jesus is the end of the Law? What new changes took place with regards to this?

- Jesus brought an end to the Law's impossible standard and became our new standard.
- We no longer need the railings of the Law; we are now guided by the Spirit.
- The Law attempted to control our external behaviour, but Christ's love now liberates us from our internal prison.
- We no longer have to earn righteousness; we freely obtain and walk in it through faith in Jesus and what He has already done.
- We obtain a new identity in Christ. Paul understood that we should forget our old nature and press on to reach our full new identity that Jesus gives us.

Every ending is always followed by a new beginning. Healthy things grow, growing things change and change challenges us.

5 requirements in order to let go of the old and embrace the new:

1) It requires a new Road.

Ask a homecell member to read John 14:6, Romans 3:9-18 and Psalm 32:8-9.

2) It requires a new Location.

Ask a homecell member to read 2 Corinthians 5:16-18 and 1 Peter 2:9-10.

3) It requires a new Seat.

Ask a homecell member to read Ephesians 2:6-7 and Ephesians 1:20-23

4) It requires new Relationships.

Ask a homecell member to read Romans 8:15-17.

Q: According to the scriptures, what is the new road, new location, new seat, and new relationships, which we are required to embrace?

- New Road: Jesus Christ is our only road to eternal life. In our earthly lives, God will direct us on the right path, we only need to yield to his direction and instruction.
- New Location: We have been called out of darkness into his light. Our old lives are done with, and we are brought into a new reconciled life with God as a royal priesthood.
- New Seat: We have been raised from the dead and are now seated with Christ in heavenly places.
- New Relationship: God is now our beloved Father who has fully accepted us, along with other believers, into the family of God. We have a new relationship with God and have the opportunity to create relationships within the community of believers.

5) It requires a new Responsibility.

Ask a homecell member to read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.

Q: What is our new responsibility? Mention some practical ways of how you could embrace this.

- We are now ambassadors for Christ. He has reconciled us back to God; therefore, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation so that by our example we might bring others to Him.
- Share the Gospel with your family and friends.
- Invite your oikos to church and homecell.
- Seek out the lost and the prodigals to accept and return to God.
- Live by example, not living still according to the world but according to our new identity.
- Be God's hands and feet; bring hope, compassion, and generosity to those who are struggling and burdened in various ways.

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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