

HOMECCELL NOTES

INVASION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY – PS AIDAN JEFFERY

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WELCOME

Do an Icebreaker for approx. 10 minutes at start of HC.

WORSHIP

1 Praise & 1 Worship. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.
End Worship in prayer.

WORD

Q: Ask some feedback from members of Sunday's sermon (what stood out for them/what did they take away from it)?

Ask cell members to read: 1 John 4:18-19; John 3:16; Galatians 5:22-23

Q: How does understanding that God loved us first (1 Jn. 4:19) change the way we approach giving to others or the church?

A: It shifts giving from *duty* to *response*.

- We give because we're loved, not to earn love
- Love is meeting a need/giving support without expecting repayment

Q: In what ways does fear (1 Jn. 4:18) cause us to hold back financially and how does God's love cast that out?

A: Fear of lack leads to stinginess but love assures provision, freeing us to give cheerfully.

- Let's replace fear with trust in God's supply
- Generosity flows from security in God's love, not the fear of the curse
- Grasping how "wide and deep" (Eph. 3:18-19 & Rom. 8:38-39) God's love is - it will change your fear of lack to being free to give

Q: John 3:16 says God "gave" out of love. How does this example shift our view from forced giving to joyful giving?

A: God gave everything (His Son), so we give freely, not minimally.

- When we give freely and joyfully, we show God's love tangibly
- Generosity evangelizes (you show God's heart when being generous)

Q: How does the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5) naturally lead to generosity, including financial giving?

A: Fruits like love, self-control and faithfulness enable open-handed giving.

- Generosity is fruit, not forced

Ask cell members to read: Malachi 3:8-10; Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 14:17-20 Luke 18:18-23; Luke 19:1-10

Q: Malachi 3 warns us of curses for not tithing, but Galatians 3 says we're redeemed – how does this free us to give generously today?

A: It frees us from an old covenant mindset of giving to avoid a curse, towards a new covenant mindset that we give from a place of blessing (Abraham's).

- We give joyfully, expecting God's provision
- The law demands to give to avoid the curse
- Grace inspires to give from identity as loved children
- Giving under grace is not a 10% minimum anymore, but giving from abundant overflow
- Grace empowers us to give without feeling cursed/obligated

Q: Compare the rich young ruler (Luke 18) and Zaccheus (Luke 19) – What role did encountering God's love play in the difference between the two?

A: The ruler strived to earn, whereas Zaccheus responded to love with radical generosity.

- God's love will transform you from a taker to a giver

Ask a homecell member to read: Genesis 3:1-6

Q: Ps Aidan mentioned FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) took place in Genesis 3 which lead to taking – how does ROMO (Relief Of Missing Out) encourage financial stewardship?

A: FOMO breeds selfishness, whereas ROMO (trust in God) brings rest, freeing us to give towards God's kingdom without hoarding our finances, resources or possessions.

- Let's give bountifully from the heart led by the Holy Spirit
- Let's commit to being generous this week
- Generosity (including financial) is part of our identity in Christ – rooted in love, not fear
- Pray for opportunities to give this week
- Become a financial partner in the work of God's kingdom through His local church

WORKS

GENEROSITY – IN OUR TIME (TO REACH OUT TO THE UNCHURCHED) – EACH 1 REACH 1!

Ask a homecell member to read: John 13:34-35

Q: After reading that verse, what can you conclude is the purpose of the church?

- To tell people how good God is, not how bad people are
- To tell people that God loves them and share His love with them
- God's message of the gospel is a story of love - God IS love
- He first loved us. Even in our mistakes and in our sin He first loved us

Q: Since God so loved the “world”, how can we befriend sinners?

A: Do projects with unsaved people, while not compromising on your beliefs

- Be generous at your place of employment – with your finances, your attitude, etc
- Become all things to all men while not forgetting what you stand for – love does not cause others to stumble
- Stop trying to get people to change their behaviour, be led by the Spirit to love on them
- See others not according to the flesh, but according to their potential new identity in Christ

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