

HOMECELL NOTES

INVASION OF GOD'S GOODNESS – 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: John 13:34-35; Romans 2:4 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Q: According to Jn. 13:34-35, how did Jesus love us first (while we were still sinners)? How does remembering this change the way we love difficult people?

A: Jesus loved us unconditionally, sacrificially, and without condemnation.

- Instead of judging the colleague who gossips, pray for them and look for one way to serve them this week.
- Whenever your unchurched/unsaved friend talks about their failures or others' sins, point them to the cross and the new covenant – Jesus already took care of it
- The goal is not behaviour modification but heart transformation by beholding His goodness

Q: Why does condemnation or shame rarely produce lasting change in people? Share a time when someone's goodness (not anger or judgment) led you to change or repent.

A: Condemnation hardens hearts; goodness melts them.

- Story of the woman at the well or the woman caught in adultery—Jesus revealed truth without shaming.

Q: What does it mean to "regard no one according to the flesh"? Give an example to our context in South Africa.

A: We stop defining people by skin colour, tribe, accent, political vote or past mistakes.

- Be honest: how many times have you pre-judged someone and later discovered you were wrong?
- When we see people as potential "new creations" we change the way we speak about them
- When you are tempted to label someone ("that lazy colleague", "that rude driver") - replace it with "a child of God still discovering who they are".

Ask cell members to read: Acts 7:59-60; Acts 9:3-6 & Romans 8:38-39

Q: People often feel God "cancels" them when they mess up. Where does that fear come from?

A: Fear comes from religion and law – not the gospel!

- Saul was an anti-Christ who persecuted believers, yet Jesus didn't condemn Him – He revealed love (be reminded of this when you feel “too far gone”)
- The only way humanly possible for Stephen to forgive the people killing him was the love of God – poured out into His heart by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5)
- Q: Think – who is a “Saul” in your world right now (someone actively against you or against the church) – pray as Stephen prayed for their eyes to open!

Q: According to Rom. 8:38-39, what is the only thing that can separate us from God's love? How does this truth set us free from performance-based Christianity?

A: Nothing!

- No one is beyond the reach of God's goodness – Paul is proof
- The new covenant is between Father and Son – we're included by grace, not performance
- When guilt comes – thank Jesus that the covenant can never be broken
- Q: How would your walk with God look different if you truly believed nothing can separate you from God's love?

Ask cell members to read: Acts 4:33-34 KJV; Titus 2:11-12 TPT & 1 Thessalonians 1:11-12 NKJV

Q: What does “great power” and “great grace” (Acts 4:33-34) look like in a community that's truly living out God's goodness?

A: Power comes from boldly sharing the resurrection (life from death), grace empowers unity and generosity – no one is left behind.

- Grace doesn't just save individuals, it transforms communities into family
- Decide together as a homecell how you can meet a need this month – e.g. support the *Defend The Fatherless CRC Cares Christmas Drive* – support orphanages with gifts&financial contributions

Q: Grace isn't just forgiveness – it's a teacher (Tit. 2:11-12). How has God's goodness “taught” you to live differently?

A: Grace appears “in person” through Jesus and empowers real change from the inside out, not through rules (law).

- Grace equips you to turn from “ungodly” habits (judgement, fear, selfishness)
- It's not about striving to be good, but letting God's goodness equip us for freedom
- God's goodness delights in completing His work in us (1 Thess.1:11-12) — we're worthy because of grace, not effort.
- Shifts this week from self-focus to Jesus-focus, unleashing power for multiplication and love

WORKS

SOULWINNING

Ask a homecell member to read: Romans 1:16

Q: Why do many Christians feel ashamed or unworthy to share Jesus after they've made mistakes?

A: Shame comes when we think the gospel depends on our goodness. Paul realised the gospel is about Christ's finished work.

Q: Paul (the former persecutor!) says he is NOT ashamed – what changed in him that removed the shame?

A: The same man who used to arrest Christians now boldly declares he is not ashamed – because it's no longer about him, it's about Jesus

- If the gospel literally “the power of God” and not “performance of me” – it should free you to talk about Jesus with someone – even if you don't feel perfect

- Identify people in your life right now needs to experience God's goodness through you more than correction about their behaviour
- Let God's grace manifest daily to those who are outside the church – let His love & goodness soften their hearts – pray for wisdom to invite them to church with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CRC Cares Defend The Fatherless Initiative** – Donate Unwrapped Gift (Soft Toys/Educational Toys/Cars/Dolls/Arts&Crafts/Backpacks/Caps) Averaging R150/Financial Contribution