

HOMECCELL NOTES

It Is For Freedom That Christ Has Set Us Free!

29 April 2026

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell!

WORSHIP

Please set up 1 praise song and 1 worship song. End Worship in prayer.

WORD

Start by asking members who would like to share, what stood out for them from this week Sunday's sermon?

Ask a homecell member to read: Galatians 5:1 NIV; John 8:36 NIV

Q: What does 'standing firm' in Christ's freedom look like in your daily life? Share any story or testimony of a time you chose not to go back to an old yoke or mindset.

A: Pastor Aidan emphasises that Christ set us free for freedom — not so we could live however we want, but so we could live as God's children without heavy burdens. The "yoke of slavery" is like the wooden bar placed on oxen to pull a plow. It represents anything that binds us again: trying to earn God's love through rules and performance (legalism), guilt and shame from the past, a victim mindset, or constantly blaming others.

Ask homecell members to read: Galatians 4:4-5 NIV; Galatians 4:6-7 NIV

Slaves to Sonship

Q: How does knowing you are a son or daughter of God (not just a servant) change the way you relate to God and face challenges?

A: Pastor Aidan explains that Paul moves from talking about freedom in Galatians 5 back to the foundation in Galatians 4. God's great plan was not just to forgive our sins, but to adopt us as His own sons and daughters. Jesus came at the right time to redeem us from the Law so we could receive adoption to sonship. And because we know God sent Jesus in the fullness of time, we can have assurance that in the fullness of time God will still come through for us in our daily challenges.



Q: How does knowing you are a son or daughter of God change the way you see and treat other people?

A: Many Christians stay stuck in a slave mindset — always ticking boxes, feeling not good enough, comparing themselves, or judging others. But when you truly understand you are God's child, you stop seeing people as competitors, threats, or projects to fix. Instead, you start seeing them the way your Father sees them — as people who are also deeply loved and invited into the same freedom and family.

Ask a Homecell member to read: Galatians 4:22-23 NIV; Galatians 4:30-31 NIV

Q: What does Paul mean by 'get rid of the slave woman'? And how can this become a personal revelation in our lives?

A: Out with the old and in with the new!

The Hagar life (Old Covenant) vs The Sarah life (New Covenant)

What does your spiritual lifestyle look like?

Hagar represents trying to do things in our own strength. Abraham and Sarah got tired of waiting for God's promise, so they took matters into their own hands. Ishmael was born through their own effort. This brought trouble and bondage. In the same way, the Old Covenant (the Law from Mount Sinai) was about people trying hard to please God through many rules and constant effort. It always led to slavery, guilt, and a heavy yoke.

Sarah represents trusting God's promise and timing. Isaac was the miracle baby born when God said it was time — not by human effort, but by God's power. The New Covenant is about what Jesus has already done for us. We are accepted by grace, not by trying harder. This brings real freedom and makes us true sons and daughters who receive God's promises.

Ask a homecell member to read Mark 4:3-8 NIV

Q: What are the four types of soil that is mentioned in Mark, and how does this look practically with how we as people receive the word of God?

A: Path (Hard soil): The seed falls on the wayside and is quickly eaten by birds. This happens when we treat God's Word lightly — "by the wayside" — and don't take it seriously. We hear "you are free" but immediately dismiss it with, "That can't be for me" or, "It's too good to be true."

Rocky ground (shallow soil): The seed grows fast at first with excitement, but it has no deep roots. When pressure, problems, or persecution comes, the person quickly withers and gives up.

Thorny ground: The seed is choked by worries, the cares of life, and old desires. Many believers never fully let go of the slave mindset (guilt, fear, victim thinking, or trying to earn God's love). These "thorns" grow up and stop the word of freedom from producing fruit.



Good soil: The heart hears the word, accepts it, and it grows deep roots. It produces fruit — 30, 60, or 100 times what was sown. This is the person who believes they are truly free in Christ and walks in that freedom.

THE PROBLEM IS NEVER WITH THE SEED BUT MORE SO WITH THE SOIL!!

Ask a homecell member to read Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

CHALLENGE/REFLECTION: Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light. We see in the story of Peter walking on water how his own efforts caused him to sink, but it was only when he held onto Jesus that he was able to walk back to the boat. Let's give examples and reflect on how we as His sons and daughters can go to Him when we are weary and burdened.

Q: We saw Pastor Aidan on Sunday put the yoke on his shoulder, then the volunteer on stage 'hooked' onto him. Symbolising that Jesus' yoke is carried by Jesus and because of that it is a light burden for us as believers, knowing that we don't have to carry it. Where have you been guilty in your life, where you tried carrying the yoke that Jesus is supposed to carry for you, and how does this new understanding help you in your walk with God?

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CALL TO ACTION:

WRITE DOWN ONE BURDEN OR SLAVE MINDSET YOU ARE STILL CARRYING TODAY AND BELIEVE GOD TO SET YOU FREE FROM IT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FROM ORPHAN TO HEIR BIBLE STUDY | TUESDAYS | 19:00 PM (POSTPONED TO NEXT WEEK)**
- **MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE | SUNDAY 10 MAY | INVITE YOUR MOTHERS!**
- **CRC CARES POP UP SHOP | 16 MAY 2026 | CONTACT CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- **BABY DEDICATIONS | SUNDAY 24 MAY | CONTACT CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**