

HOMECELL NOTES

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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

WORD

QUESTION 1: How important is friendships to you?

QUESTION 2: How long have you been in relationship with your closest friend? Why are you still friends?

QUESTION 3: In what ways did your life change because of the influence of a friend?

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CHRISTIANITY IS NOT THE WORK WE DO, BUT THE RELATIONSHIP WE MAINTAIN (WITH GOD) AND THE SURROUNDING INFLUENCE AND QUALITIES PRODUCED BY THAT RELATIONSHIP.

Ask a cell member to read Genesis 18:1-33

QUESTION 4: From this passage, what are some things that stands out to you about the relationship between God and Abraham?

- Answer:*
1. God comes to Abraham out of **relationship**
 2. God **reaffirms His promise** (that Sarah will have a son) in person
 3. God **reveals** to Abraham **His intended plan** with Sodom and Gomorrah
 4. We see Abraham using his relationship as God's friend to try to **persuade** God no to destroy the two cities
 5. In this passage we see the **depth** of Abraham's relationship with God

Ask a few cell members to read Isaiah 41:8; 2 Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23

QUESTION 5: Throughout the Bible Abraham is referred to as the "friend of God." This might sound like a weird concept. How would you define the concept of being a "friend of God?"

Ask a cell member to read John 15:9-17

QUESTION 6: What relation – if any – would you say is there between what Jesus said in this passage and what Abraham experienced... a friendship with God?

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Answer: Jesus calls each and every one of us into a friendship relationship with Him. He wants us to be a friend of God, just as Abraham was. He wants you to walk and talk with God as a friend.

John 15:15 The Passion Translation

I have never called you 'servants,' because a master doesn't confide in his servants, and servants don't always understand what the master is doing. But I call you my most intimate friends, for I reveal to you everything that I've heard from my Father.

YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION WILL DETERMINE THE WALK AND THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE.

QUESTION 7: From your perspective: what should a person do to ensure a relationship like this with God?

Ask a few cell members to read John 15:10; John 15:14; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; John 15:18-19

QUESTION 8: On Sunday Pastor At said that friendship with God requires total commitment. From the scriptures we just read how does this commitment look like in our daily life?

*Answer: 1. A **TOTAL** commitment is required for this deeper walk with God
2. You cannot be God's friend when you are still **UNDECIDED**... with one foot in the world and one in the church
3. You cannot be a friend of God and a friend of the world simultaneously*

Ask a cell member to read Genesis 22:1-3

QUESTION 9: This situation might have been one of the toughest situations Abraham had to face. Abraham never even hesitated to do what God had asked him to do. What should we learn from this situation?

*Answer: 1. When God comes to Abraham God knows He can count on Abraham – God knew that Abraham will do whatever He asked him to do... God trusted Abraham!
2. Friendship will be tested through commitment*

On Sunday Pastor At challenged us to do the following:

- Start a fresh page in your walk with God
- Make spending time with God a priority
- Just begin to draw closer to Him and watch what will happen

WORKS

REMEMBER: REVIVAL WEEK (17-21 AUGUST). Go all out in doing whatever you can do to invite friends, family, colleagues and neighbors to join as for this amazing week!