

DIVINE RESTORATION

HOMECELL NOTES

17 November 2021 | Mirror Mirror On the Wall | Pastor Louis Holtzhausen

Welcome and Connect – Icebreaker

Welcome First Time Visitors!

- Homecell leaders, use this opportunity to do a fun ice breaker to make the new people feel right at home! Remember not to put new people on the spot!

Praise and Worship

Sing at least 1 dynamic Praise song and 2 intimate Worship songs! As leaders, we set the pace for Praise and Worship, lead by example with confidence!

Engage – The Word

Read | 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Ask: What does wisdom mean?

According to the dictionary: The quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.

Wisdom then, is the ability to apply knowledge accurately.

Ask: What do you think is God's wisdom? Applying God's Word accurately.

Ask: What do you think is the world's wisdom? Applying their truth accurately.

- When the world acts in its wisdom, God calls them fools.
- When we act in God's wisdom, God calls us wise.
- For us to be wise we need to understand the things God calls truth.

Ask yourself: Do you understand what the Bible is saying?

God's wisdom

Ask: How does the world respond to God's word?

- The world hates it and will therefore hate you for believing it.
- God's truth will be a stumbling block to many, and many will be offended by it.

Read | 1 Peter 2:7-8

- If you want to attract God's blessing and favour, you need to be wise in God's eyes.
- You need to apply God's truth accurately in your life!



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The Word of God points to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Tonight we are speaking about Kingdom truth and how God operates in this world that we live in.

The gospel is focused on changing the heart of an individual, this is wisdom to God!

Let's take a look at some Kingdom parables found in the Word:

(Homecell leaders, please read through the scriptures while you prepare. Due to the time restraint you will only be able to refer to them during Homecell.)

- A mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32).
- A man that scattered seed on different ground or soil which is the heart of the individual (Mark 4:1-20).
- Leaven which takes over until everything is leavened (Matthew 13:33).

The Bible also teaches that:

- God will give us a new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 36:26).
- We must be born again (John 3:1-20).
- The circumcision of the heart (Romans 2:29).
- That transformation comes by the renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2).
- The word of God is like a mirror that changes the person that looks into it and acts on what it sees (James 1:23).

There are many, many more examples of how God's kingdom functions on the earth! The individual's behaviour changes from darkness to light by believing in Jesus and obeying His word.

Ask: How does Jesus change future generations of cultures?

Example: A person could have had bad parents or a very bad past. When that person gets saved, and encounters Jesus, he changes radically! God does not speak to him about anyone else but himself! By meditating on God's word he renews his mind and he transforms his life! That person now changes the lives of his children because he is a changed man. And so the curse is broken!

Read | Luke 17:20-21

- God will rule from within, God changes us from within.
- God does not change us through an outside force, but through an inner force – Christ.

The world's wisdom

The world operates with a total opposite agenda: this is what they believe:

- There is nothing wrong with you, you are perfect the way you are.
- Who says that what you are doing is wrong or a sin?
- You can do whatever you want, no one can tell you how to live your life.



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- You don't have to change, the only thing that should change is the world around you.
- You are who you are because of someone else (racism, homophobia, white privilege, work culture, corrupt past, etc.).

Ask: How can anyone expect you to change when the world is the one that needs to change? This is how the world shifts the focus from individuals to nations, cultures, races, etc.

Family, the marches, the riots, the strikes – none of it has helped us! Murderers are still murdering, thieves are still stealing, and the corrupt are still corrupt.

People need a change of heart, and that is the work of the gospel! Nothing will ever change until our hearts change.

Christian – the Word of God is like a mirror so that we can look into it and change OURSELVES.

- I don't need the world to be for me – If God is for me, who shall be against me? (Romans 8:31)
- I don't need the world to change for me – I can bring change!
- I don't have to wait for laws to be passed for favour – God has already favoured me!

Let's look at Joseph (Genesis 30-50):

- Joseph was a slave in Egypt.
- Their culture and religion weren't his culture nor religion.
- He was thrown into prison unfairly.
- BUT he still became prime minister of Egypt in a country he did not belong to!

Ask: Why? Because God was with Joseph, as He was with many other people in the Bible!

Ask yourself tonight: What must happen in society for you to change? What are you waiting for?

Nothing will change unless we change family!

If you have God, you do not need the world's permission to prosper!

God doesn't need the government's permission to:

- Make a way for you, to open doors for you, to favour you or to promote you!



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Ask yourself: In whom do you put your trust? Is God your God, or not? God needs the answer to these very important questions.

You don't have to be your past! When you come to Christ, you must surrender your life because there's no born again, there's no repentance, there's no making new, without someone surrendering their life to Christ!

Tonight, surrender your life to Christ the Messiah and ask God to forgive you!

Alter Call:

- If you are sitting here tonight, and you know without a shadow of doubt that this word was for you. And you want make right with God, you want to lay down your life because you love Jesus back - all you need to do is receive His love and then lay down your life!

Works and Application

1. **Revise your Harry & Sally list.** How far are you from completing the 7 step strategy with your Harry/Sally? Homecell leaders encourage the members to complete the 7 step strategy with their Harry & Sallys!
2. **JIM Track revision:** Jesus came to re-establish God's kingdom through the church!

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

"Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Family, being part of the local church ensures that you are being equipped, cared for and discipled. It's in the local church where you will discover your purpose and destiny, and where you will grow and mature spiritually!

We challenge you to become part of this army reaching out to win every man, women and child in our community for Jesus! God's main purpose for saving you is to get your friends and family saved!

Announcements

1. **CRC Potchefstroom Church Services** – Invite your world and join us with for our LIVE Sunday Celebration service with Pastor Louis Holtzhausen at 08:30 and for our evening service with Pastor At Boshoff at 18:00 at the Church!



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2. **Discover Your Role** – Each and every one of us have received gifts that will assist us in building the local church! Join us this week Tuesday at the Church at 18:30 as you help you to discover your role in God's kingdom!
3. **CRC Christmas Production** – Save the date and invite your friend and family to our world-class Christmas production presented by our CRC Creative Arts and Media Departments and hosted by Pastor At Boshoff on Sunday 28 November at 6pm.

