



HOMECCELL NOTES

MY YOLK IS EASY PT 2: GOD DOES NOT DO ABANDONMENT

11 August 2024

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell whether online or physical.
If HC is on Zoom only - do an Icebreaker on WhatsApp ± 15 minutes before Zoom cell.
If HC is physical – do an Icebreaker for approx. 10 minutes at start of HC.

WORSHIP

If HC is physical -1 Praise & 2 Worship. End Worship 2 in prayer.
If ZOOM only - Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts.

WORD

YOKE	
Greek:	<i>Zugos</i>
Meaning:	A coupling; a balancing of scales.
Symbolizes:	Bondage; limitation; restriction.

Question 1:

List the kinds of yokes that people couple themselves with in our world today.

- Pride
- Anxiety and Depression
- Financial Strain
- Religious Works
- Rejection and Bitterness
- Trauma and Hurt
- Academic Validation
- The feeling of inadequacy – never feeling good enough.

Ask a HC member to read Isaiah 42:1-3, Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 12:1 and Luke 17:20-21.

Question 2:

As Christians, we can often place weights and yokes upon ourselves in this spiritual race.

According to the scriptures, what is Jesus offering us instead?

- Jesus comes to remove the burden and destroy the yoke of religious duty and strain.
- He brings us spiritual rest instead of demanding religious pressure.
- He gently teaches us the way of life instead of forcing us into submission.
- He does not give us a behaviour modification manual; He leads us through His Spirit.
- We now do not rely on an external coupling of the yoke, but an internal filling of Him.

Question 3:

Mention differences between the external coupling of the yoke and the internal filling of God.

The External Coupling	The Internal Filling
We are controlled by "dos and don'ts"	We are led by the Spirit.
We work to gain God's acceptance.	We co-labour with Him in love.
We are rooted in fear-based living.	We are rooted in Faith and Grace.
God will reject me if I mess up.	God will help me when I fall.
What must I do for God?	What will God do through me?
I have to figure it out for myself.	God will guide me in all truth.
We are forced into submission.	We are taught through relationship
I must try to be Righteous.	He is my Righteousness
I am condemned	I am saved and forgiven

"The call to Christianity is not perfection but wholeness."

Pastor Aidan Jeffery

Ask a HC member to read John 1:1-2, John 14:8-10, John 14:20.

Question 4:

According to the scriptures, what do you understand about our relationship with God?

- Jesus is in the Father, we are in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is in us.
- Just as Jesus has communed face-to-face with the Father since the beginning, we can now commune face-to-face with God ourselves.
- He is not within us to make us perfect; He is within us to make us whole.

Ask a HC member to read John 4:24, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 John 4:16, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a.

Question 5:

God is Spirit and God is Love. Which characteristics listed in Galatians 5:22-23 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a have you sometimes struggled to see God as in your own personal relationship with Him? (e.g. I sometimes/used to struggle to see God as patient.)

Question 6:

What can we do when we struggle to trust in the character of God during the difficult seasons of our lives?

- Meditate on scriptures and stories in the Bible that reveal the character of God.
- Listen to testimonies of people who have experienced God's character in those times.
- Two is better than one: speak to a trusted Christian friend and gain encouragement.
- Find one scripture or phrase that speaks to you about God's character and declare it every time you find yourself doubting. Psychologically, the more you tell yourself something, the more your mind will believe it.

WORKS

1. **PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) lost & prodigals on your prayer or target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1 or groups of 2-3)
2. **CARE** - As a HC, identify urgent needs (among people in your immediate world) - food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business, career, employment needs, emotional needs etc.). How can we meet those needs?
3. **DISCIPLESHIP** - Equip HC in Basic Doctrine (Water Baptism, Tongues, Serving, Giving, Honour, Vision)
4. **EVANGELISM** - Equip HC in reaching their world (Build relationship with Oikos, Identify Man of Peace, Share Your Verbal Witness, Invite to Church & HC)

NB* When there are First Time Visitors - ALTARCALL - The main reason for having homecell is to get people saved! #WinTheLostAtAnyCost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEAUTY FOR ASHES WOMEN'S EVENT

31 August 2024 – 09:00 to 12:00

"To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

Family, as we spend this month celebrating the women in our lives, we are eager to host our life-altering Women's Event. We call on all our phenomenal women to book your tickets and spread the word! We further encourage our faithful members in the church to sponsor a ticket and provide someone with the opportunity to experience this impactful event!

Every ticket carries purpose and divine restoration. May we extend our hands of generosity and sow into this occasion, as we celebrate and witness the Beauty for Ashes in the lives of our women!

Where to Purchase Tickets:

- In our church foyer every Sunday – Card and Cash Payments accepted
- Online via Quicket: <https://qkt.io/jfUMQH>

Do not delay; buy a ticket today!