

HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR AT BOSHOFF
MOTHERS... GODS GIFT TO US
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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 1 Worship song)

WORD

QUESTION 1: What are some of your fondest memories of your mother as you grew up as a child?

QUESTION 2: How are your relationship currently with your mother? What can you do to better this relationship?

Ask a few cell members to read Titus 2:1-5 & 1 Timothy 5:14

QUESTION 3: We're living in an era where there's a lot of confusion regarding gender roles within the family. As Christians we're challenged to abandon our "old-school-thinking." According to the New Testament, what role should a mother play within the context of a family?

Answer: As New Testament believers we believe that both husband and wife should be equal partners in marriage and the family. Although equal, men and women have different roles and responsibilities within the family. The mother should be the heart of the home. The mother is the pacesetter, the life-style establisher but also the number one influencer in the home.

They say that man is mighty, he governs land and sea. He wields a mighty scepter, on lower powers than he. But mightier power and stronger, man from his throne has hurled, for the hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world.

2 Timothy 1:3-5 The Passion Translation

³ You know that I've been called to serve the God of my fathers with a clean conscience. Night and day I pray constantly for you, building a memorial for you with my prayers. ⁴ I know that you have wept for me, your spiritual father, and your tears are dear to me. I can't wait to see you again! I'm filled with joy ⁵ as I think of your strong faith that was passed down through your family line. It began with your grandmother Lois, who passed it on to your dear mother, Eunice. And it's clear that you too are following in the footsteps of their godly example.

Ask a cell member to read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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QUESTION 4: Timothy's father was a heathen. It was his mother Eunice who laid a solid Godly foundation in his life. What are some practical things mothers can do to lay a sound Christian foundation in the lives of their children?

Answer: It is a fact that a mother influences our spirit, soul, and body more than anyone during childhood. And if she is a Godly mother, she will teach us the scriptures and demonstrate how to live accordingly. She will tell us about the Lord Jesus Christ. A Christian mother is uniquely equipped to instill in her children not only faith in God but also faith in themselves, because she sees in her children not only what they are but also what they can become by God's grace.

Women, particularly mothers, have a decisive influence on the future direction of society because they rear and nurture the next generation.

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QUESTION 5: Ladies, in what ways do you expect your husband to support you in this process of raising your children?

Ask a cell member to read Ephesians 6:1-2

QUESTION 6: The Apostle Paul is clear in his stance on how children should honour their parents. Gentlemen, what is your role and responsibility to ensure your children honour their mother?

1 Peter 3:7 The Message Bible

The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.

Ask a few cell members to read Proverbs 19:14, Ephesians 5:28, Ephesians 5:25 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

QUESTION 7: The New Testament principles are clear: husbands should love their wives! In 1 Corinthians 13 the Apostle Paul gives a list of practical expressions of how this love should look like. How should we as husbands apply this to our daily life?

WORKS

Matthew 23:37 New Living Translation

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

This analogy of a mother (hen) trying to gather her children (chicks) is so profound. Jesus' heart for the lost has never changed. For this reason it should also be a priority to us!

Challenge cell members to continue to focus on their Oikos List and to keep on inviting them.