

HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR DON PHILLIPS

ASK BIG

15 March 2023

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

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

WORD

We have GOOD NEWS to tell... no matter what we are going through. We have good news to tell because Jesus is still on the throne! As the Church we must be carriers of good news and not bad news!

Ps Don Phillips

QUESTION 1: Pastor Don shared an experience he had where God asked Him: “*Why don’t you ask Me for big things?*” Why is it that we as believers lose our “big ask”?

QUESTION 2: How does becoming comfortable with, and making peace with where we are and what we have, affect our faith to trust God for big things in our life?

A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing grows there.

Gina Milicia

QUESTION 3: What are some of the big things we can trust God for in our nation?

Make a list of 5 things you as a homecell are going to trust God for, for our nation. Take a few minutes right now and pray for those things.

Ephesians 3:20 The Passion Translation

Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

QUESTION 4: If we look at what the Apostle Paul is saying here, what then is the things that stop us from experiencing God’s power in our life?

Answer: The Apostle Paul challenges his audience to... “Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this.” It is our doubts, fears and unbelieve that stops God from doing powerful things in our life.

QUESTION 5: Paul wrote: “*He will... exceed your wildest imagination!*” What does this statement mean to you?

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QUESTION 6: If we say that we should ask God for big things, what role does our motives play in the answering of our prayers?

James 4:2-4 The Passion Translation

² You jealously want what others have so you begin to see yourself as better than others. You scheme with envy and harm others to selfishly obtain what you crave—that's why you quarrel and fight. And all the time you don't obtain what you want because you won't ask God for it! ³ And if you ask, you won't receive it for you're asking with corrupt motives, seeking only to fulfill your own selfish desires. ⁴ You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don't you know that flirting with the world's values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy!

We should muster courage to ask God for big things. This is faith!

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Ask a few cell members to read 2 Kings 20:1-6 & Matthew 15:21-28

QUESTION 7: What does these two stories have in common?

Answer: In both these stories we find...

- *A person who had to overcome a fatal diagnosis.*
- *A person who ran out of options.*
- *A person who had to ask a very big ask.*
- *In both situations God honoured their faith by granting them what they asked for.*

QUESTION 8: How should the fact that we trust God for big things in our personal life, in our family, in our church and in our nation affect our conversations and the words that come out of our mouth?

Answer: Read Numbers 14:28. We need to take what comes out of our mouth serious. The power of life and death is still in our mouth. We can neutralize the manifestation of our faith by what comes out of our mouth!

The devil does not know your future, or else he would be equal to God. He is not! What he knows about your future is what you say about your future. He picks up on what you say and then goes to work.

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WORKS

GOOD FRIDAY PASSOVER HARVEST EVENT – FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2023.

We want to encourage all our members to join us for this epic event @ SuperSport Park, Centurion. All member from Gauteng and surrounding areas should join us for this event. Bloemfontein members are also welcome to attend, but we'll have a live link service in the Bloemfontein South auditorium linking to the stadium event.