

HOMECELL NOTES

PS AT BOSHOFF
CHANGE YOUR FOCUS
18 September 2024

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

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

WORD

Philippians 3:13-16 The Passion Translation

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however, **I do have one compelling focus**; I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus. So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them. And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.

QUESTION 1: The Apostle Paul is clear... "*I do have one compelling focus...*" Why would you say focus is a fundamental element if we want to experience success in any endeavor?

Answer: Focus is a point of concentration or a point where all of your energy goes. Your focus will determine your direction in life. What you focus on will become the dominating picture of your mind.

Isaiah 43:18-21 The Message Bible

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

QUESTION 2: God's instruction to His people is simple: "*Be alert, be present.*" How does this command fit together with Paul's challenge to focus?

Answer: As humans, God gave us a sovereign will, something that not even He will violate. We have the ability to choose where we will focus. Many people choose to focus on their past. This will keep them in the past. God brought it to His people's attention that if they're not living in the moment, that they might even miss what He wants to do in their life. If you live in the past, you might just loose out on the future!

Realize deeply that the present moment is all you'll ever have. Make the now the priority!

Eckhart Tolle

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**You have to stop dwelling on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next.
Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer.**

Denis Waitley

QUESTION 3: If focus is such an important ingredient for living a successful life, what would you say must be the top 5 focus areas we as believers should focus on in our lives?

Ask a cell member to read Jeremiah 29:10-14 The Message Bible

QUESTION 4: The Jews were in captivity for 70 years... not the ideal life they might have expected. When God spoke to them through the prophet Jeremiah, what was His focus?

Answer: God never focused on the 70 years of captivity... and neither did He want them to focus on it. He reminded them of His future for them. God reminded them that not even exile can stop His plan for their future.

QUESTION 5: When God called Israel to possess their promised land (*after 430 years of oppressive slavery*), He never told them about the giants. Why didn't God warn them about the giants?

Answer: God understands the power of focus. He wanted the Israelites to focus on His promise. If they were to focus on the giants, that would be all they would ever see. If we're honest about this, we need to admit that there will always be giants/obstacles, no matter where we find yourself. This should never be our focus! Our focus must be on God's promised land for us.

Ask a few cell members to read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Philippians 4:8

QUESTION 6: How do we practically change our focus?

*Answer: 1. **Cast down every evil imagination** – become aware of your thoughts and imaginations. Every evil/wrong/negative thought should be exposed for what it is and then cast aside.
2. **Bring every thought to captivity** - expose every evil/wrong/negative thought to the Word of God.
3. **Replace those thoughts by intentionally shifting your focus** – replace evil/wrong/negative thoughts with good and wholesome thoughts.*

The greatest discovery of any generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering the attitudes of their minds.

Albert Schweitzer

WORKS

Dream Week 2024 will start next week Tuesday evening with our Grand Opening. This is an amazing opportunity to invite the people on your List of 12. Encourage members to do everything within their power to invite friends and family members. Let's trust God for a great harvest of souls!