

# HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR AT BOSHOFF

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: I WILL FEAR NO EVIL**

25 March 2020

## WELCOME

Allow members to connect with each other before you start with Praise and Worship.

## WORSHIP

Sing 1 Praise and 2 Worship Songs

## WORD

Ask a cell member to read Psalm 23:1-6

### ***Psalm 23:4 The Passion Translation***

*Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way. Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for you are near.*

ON SUNDAY PASTOR AT SPOKE ABOUT HOW TO WALK THROUGH THIS VALLEY - CHALLENGING SEASON - FACING OUR WORLD. LET'S LOOK AT THE 3 THINGS HE MENTIONED:

### **1. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**QUESTION 1:** For you personally, what does it mean to keep your eyes on "the Good Shepherd?"

Ask a few cell members to read Hebrews 12:2; Acts 4:12; Psalm 23:1

SO EASY WITH ALL THE VOICES AND IMAGES WE ARE FACED WITH TO LOOSE SIGHT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD THROUGH ALL OF THIS

Ask a cell member to read Matthew 14:22-32

**QUESTION 2:** What caused Peter to take his eyes from Jesus?

*Answer: v30 – Peter got distracted, the boisterous wind **caught** his attention. He became distracted! He started to pay more attention to the wind than to Jesus.*

**QUESTION 3:** How do we ensure our focus stays on the right place – on the Good Shepherd?

*Answer: 1. Ask a cell member to read Philipians 4:8  
2. **Fix** your thoughts and your mind on what the Good Shepard said*

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THIS IS A TIME TO LIFT UP YOUR HANDS AND TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Ask a cell member to read Psalm 121:1-8

## 2. BE NOT AFRAID

### **Psalm 23:4 The Passion Translation**

*Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, **fear will never conquer me, for you already have!***

**QUESTION 4:** What does the phrase "...fear will never conquer me, for you already have..." mean to you?

*Answer: If God conquered my heart, fear will have to conquer God to get a hold on my heart... and that's never going to happen!!!*

365 TIMES THE BIBLE SAYS... FEAR NOT... OR... BE NOT AFRAID! WHY? BECAUSE IT IS PEOPLE'S NATURAL RESPONSE TO BAD NEWS.

### **TO NOT BE FEARFUL OR AFRAID IS A DECISION!**

Ask a few cell members to read Isaiah 43:1-3a, 10; 2 Timothy 1:7; Joshua 1:6-9; Psalm 112:7, 8

## 3. KEEP YOURSELF IN THE LOVE OF GOD

### **Jude 1:21 The Passion Translation (TPT)**

*Fasten your hearts to the love of God and receive the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us eternal life.*

WHEN THINGS ARE BEING SHAKEN AROUND US OR IN US... WE REALLY HAVE TO KEEP OUR EYES ON JESUS AND STAY GROUNDED IN THE GOOD SHEPHERDS LOVE FOR US

Ask a few cell members to read 1 John 4:16-19; Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 13:5, 6

**QUESTION 5:** How do we practically keep ourselves in the love of God?

*Answer: 1. Stay in the Word  
2. Stay in Prayer  
3. Stay in Worship  
4. Stay in Fellowship - we practice prevention... not isolation!*

## **WORKS**

This is a great opportunity for our Church to become a beacon of hope in a world that is shaken. This is not a time to be carriers of bad news... but of good news. Take a few minutes to strategize on what you as a cell can do invite people to your Sunday gathering. This is a great opportunity to again invite your neighbors, friends, colleagues and family!