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FELLOWSHIP IN HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

What is the point of having house assemblies and why are house assemblies so important?

Believers have most of their fellowship during meetings in house assemblies and during Friday prayer nights. The Sunday church meetings are for worshipping God and for evangelising to non-believers. Believers are taught about the word of God when they meet at house assemblies. About twenty years ago, we did not have a church hall to meet in, in CMFI - Cameroon. Believers used to meet in houses for Sunday worship. If there were any meetings in halls, these were on Tuesdays when the leaders met for their weekly discussions. The church operated like this until the Lord specifically told us to start meeting in church halls for Sunday worship. It is in house assemblies that people will understand church life. They will begin to understand the church life experienced by the biblical saints in the books of Acts of the Apostles. They will understand it because the early church used to meet in house assemblies. This is the place where you find fellowship amongst brethren.

The church has to grow through the house assemblies. When a person comes and visits a house assembly, the chances are that they will stay and become more comfortable even when they later come in the church. They will feel more comfortable because they experience fellowship with the brethren during house assembly meetings. There are two factors that bring growth in a church, these are 1) the house assemblies and 2) meetings in the church halls. If the church only grows through hall meetings, people will come and go because they do not integrate in the church. There is little time for fellowship during Sunday meetings. Growth through meetings in halls has no stability, but growth through house assemblies is the key. In house assemblies, believers live their lives as a family and have the opportunity to integrate. There is close fellowship with each other.

House assembly leaders are to meet at the beginning of each year and they are to set goals, objectives, the price to be paid and the method they will use to reach their objectives. It is not normal to have a house assembly leader who never comes to meetings. Each house assembly has a principal leader, and if the leader does not come to the meeting, it's not normal that the other leaders do not ask or sit and discuss about the next steps to take. At times even if there is no leader, those who are faithful and have shown themselves faithful in all things can lead. In order for a house assembly to be strong and established, one needs four pillars. The more a house assembly grows, more pillars are needed.

Prayer points

- 1) Pray for yourself so that God grants you to understand the importance of house assemblies.
- 2) Pray so that all house assembly leaders will have a clear direction concerning where to bring the house assembly, the objective, the price and the method needed Pray that God establishes strong pillars in each house assembly.
- 3) Pray that God becomes the builder of all the house assemblies.
- 4) Pray for each individual pillar in each house assembly, such that each house assembly will have four strong pillars.
- 5) Pray that people in the house assemblies will become prayerful people.
- 6) Pray that the house assemblies reach their objectives this year.

Psalm 127:1-2

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. New International Version (NIV)

This Psalm reveals that without God, you will work for nothing. Your work will amount to nothing! There are some people who will receive things from God because He works for them and they receive things because of the favour of God. A house assembly needs people who are prayerful. It needs people who will call on God until He visits the house assembly and transforms the people there.