




# The house church and world mission

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# 1. The definition and origin of the house church

- What is the definition of 'the Church' ?



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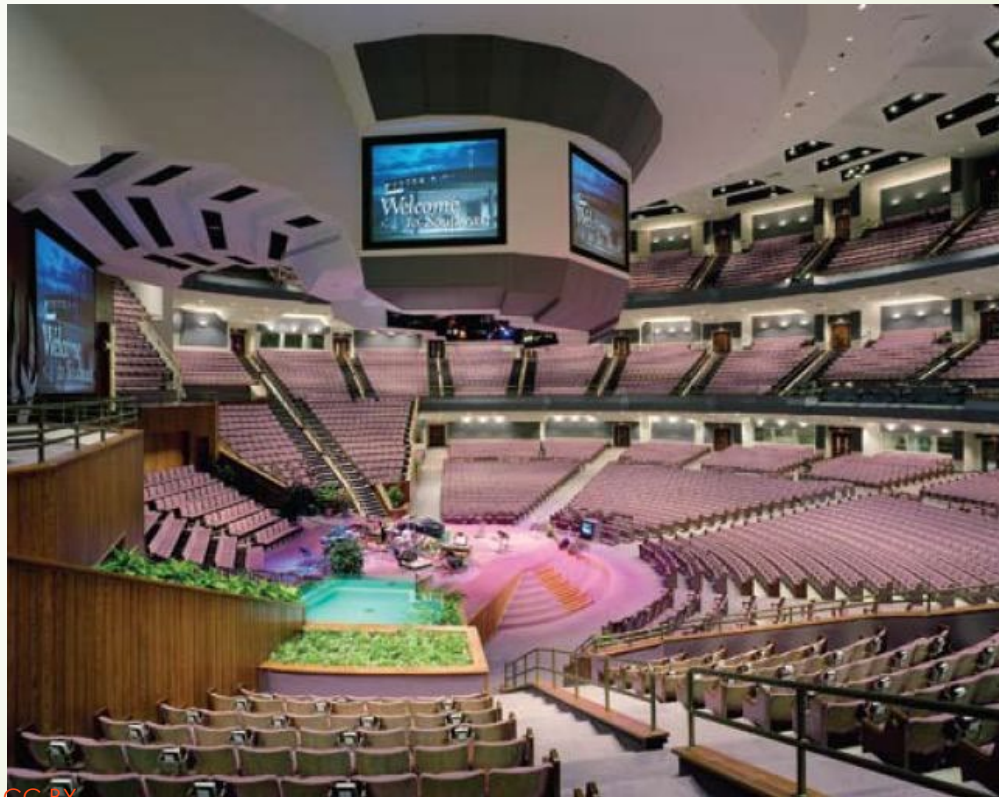


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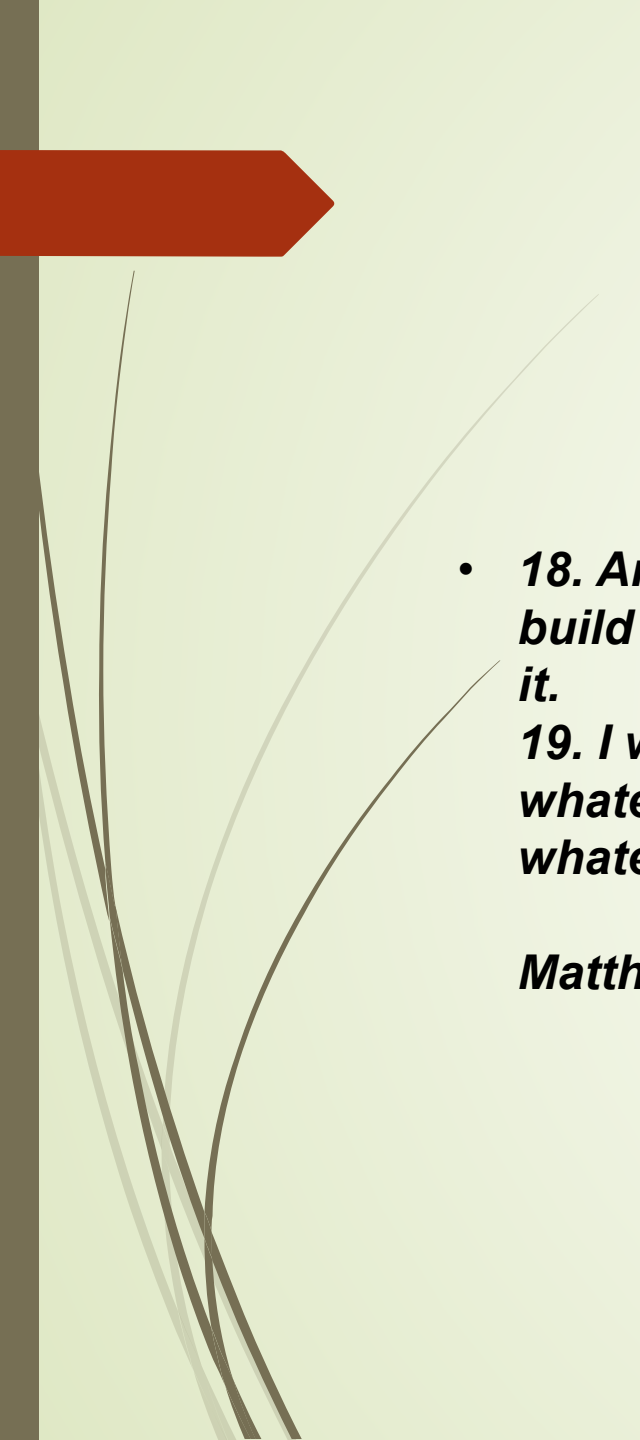


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# Church?

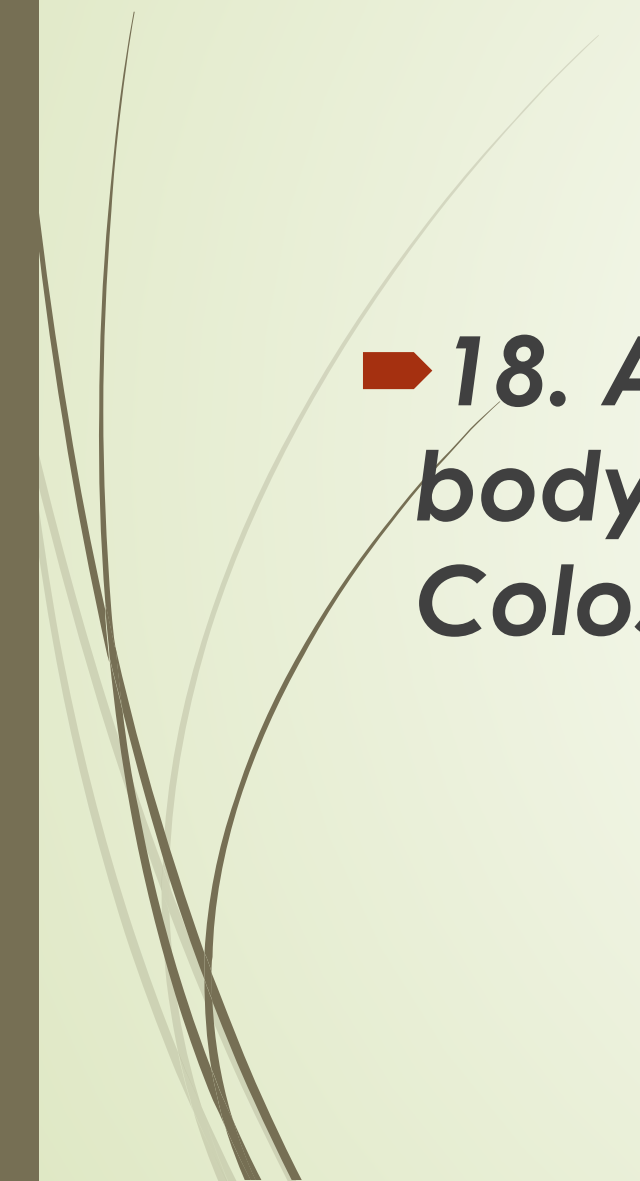


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- ***18. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.***  
***19. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”***

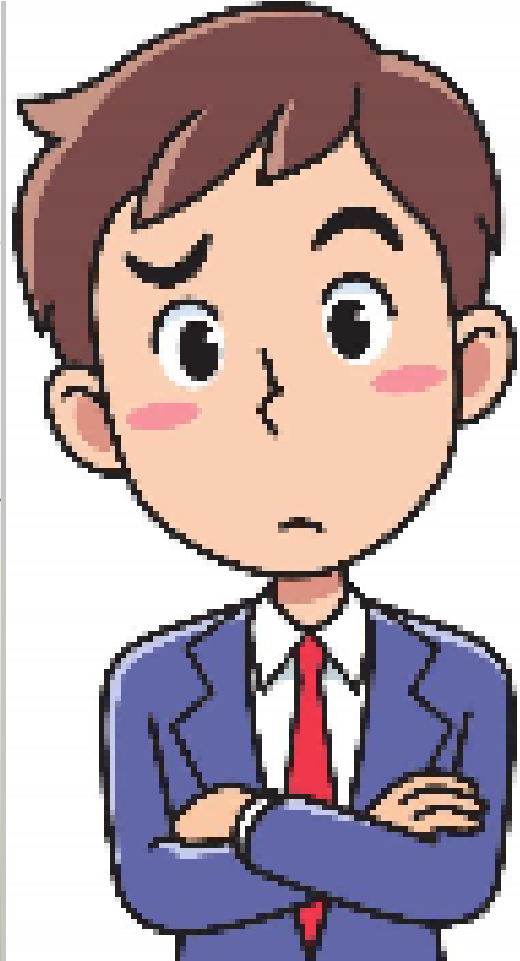
***Matthew 16:18-19***



**➡ 18. And he is the head of the  
body, the church;..  
Colossians 1:18a**



# Then what is the 'house church' ?




- The Church that gathers in the house.
- The church described in the bible. And the most of early church that scattered whole world.



# The church described in the bible

***5. Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.  
Romans 16:5***

***19. The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.  
1 Corinthians 16:19***




***15. Give my greetings to  
the brothers and sisters  
at Laodicea, and to  
Nympha and the  
church in her house.  
Colossians 4:15***


***2. also to Apphia our  
sister and Archippus our  
fellow soldier—and to  
the church that meets in  
your home:  
Philemon 1:2***




## 2. The House church is the beginning form of the early church

- The most biblical church described in the bible.
  - The beginning of the church of disciples' time.
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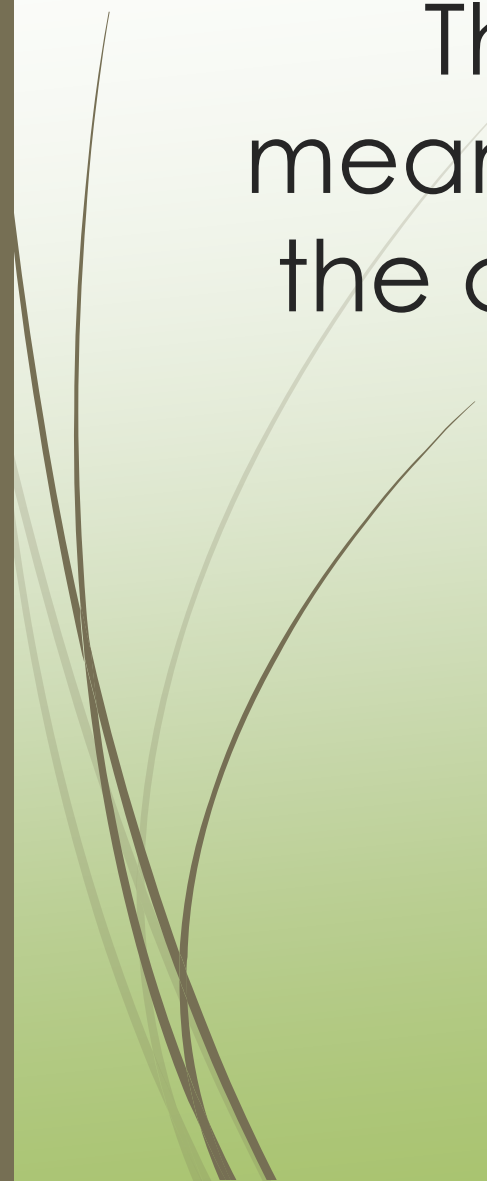
# The beginning of the early church



- *13. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.  
Acts 1:13*



# The real meaning of the church



- *18. And he is the head of the body, the church;..  
Colossians 1:18a*






*Many members,  
one body.*

- The church is the body
- And its head is Christ, Jesus.





# House church is

- The only type of church in the bible.
  - “For two or three gathers in my name, there am I with them” (Matt 18:20)
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# Gathering in Christ

➤ 'gathering for love'





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- Not for fight each other

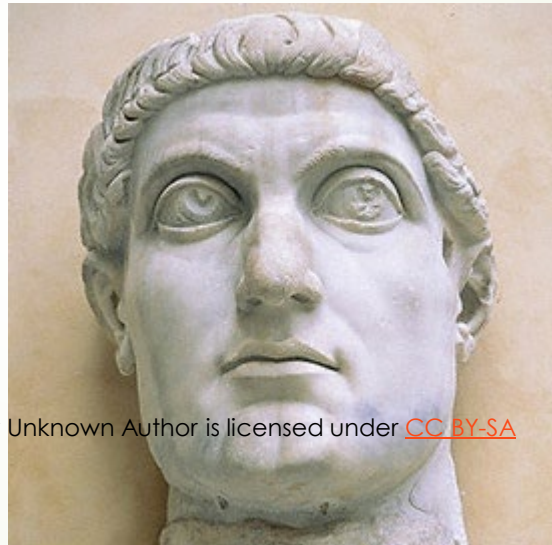




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- Nowadays, the true meaning of the church has been changed from its original meaning. From 'gathering' into 'building'

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## Edict of Milan



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# Early church



- *12. When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.*

*Acts 12:12*

- *20. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.*

*Acts 20:20*




# The last day church



- 3. *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"*
- 4. *Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you."*

***Matthew 24:3-4***

- New movement in our time.



### 3. The spiritual background of the house church and some key words



# Mustard seed

- “It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches” (Luke 13:19)
- Like a **mustard seed**, fundamental unit of spreading the gospel to the unknown places
- Put into practice of manger spirit.



## Basic unit of love



It is most fundamental unit of congregation of faith that Jesus approves



**20. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."**

**Matthew 18:20**

# Bride of Christ

- \* Object of the love of Christ
- \* The power of God protect the church
- “But what about you? He asked. “who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” Jesus replied , “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven” (Matt 16-17)



# The Power of God

- “And I tell you that you are peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matt 16:16)
- Learning to **rely on God** only in the house church
- Men’s power vs. the Power of God

# lamp and covenant

- **Covenant** and holding a **lamp** in our hearts.
- “you are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden”  
(Matt514)





# Wilderness

- Earnest prayer
- Experience the provision by God.





# Purity

- “One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to see him in his temple.” (Ps 27:4)



# Inner struggle

- Defining enemy. If you win enemies in you, you will win enemies of outside.
- 12. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12



# Vision

- Vision for one person through one on one , vision for whole world.
- **Obedience** of Jesus' world mission command



*18. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*






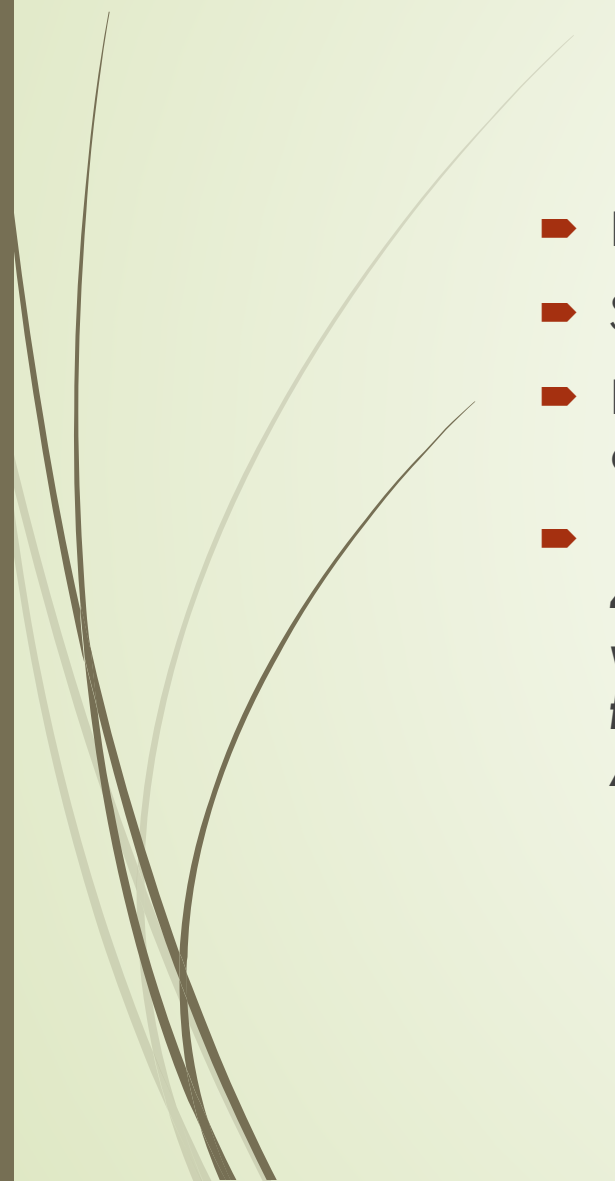
# Open

- House is where a man grows in love
  - House church is where a man applies love to others
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4. The frontline stage of pioneering and self supporting mission.



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- Earliest stage of spreading the gospel to the unbelieving areas.
  - Self support.
  - Lydia (Philiphus) accept Christ by apostle Paul and opened her house as a church where disciples met



***40. After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.***

***Acts 16:40***

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- Priscilla and Aquila house church raise up powerful disciple Apollo.



***19. The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.***

***1 Corinthians 16:19***

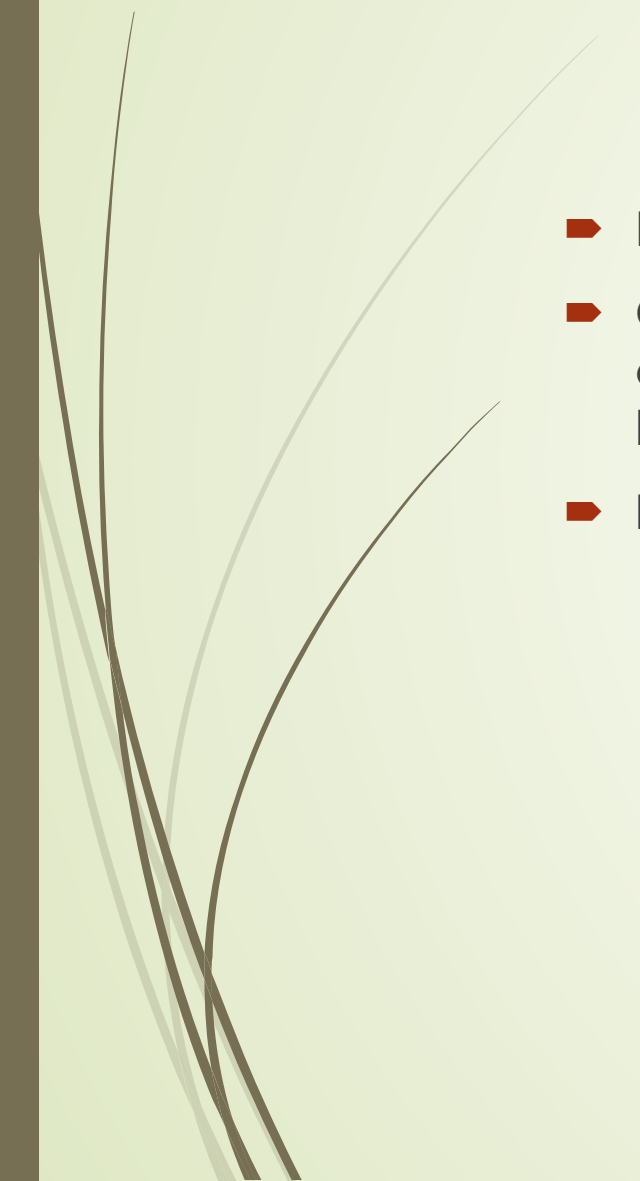


***26. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.***

***Acts 18:26***



## 5. Advantage of the house church

- Focusing on disciple making, not building a church building.
  - Offering their home as a church leads members to learn sincere commitment to Christ. That is raising up another disciples from their own house. Children will be future disciples
  - It is very efficient to pioneer the non bible believing areas.
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- Freedom to worship God regardless of opposing culture, religion and government. The gospel will spread through the house church in any places.




***42. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.***

***46. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,***

***Acts 2:42,46***



## 6. Advantage of house church in family





# Most of the attendances take one or two rules.

- Musics, drama, performances.
- Prayers.
- Message and Bible readings
- Testimony
- servings foods, → sharing bread is very important to sharing love together with spiritually hungry souls.
- Inviting friends to the place where is like home of love.
- They may not have big organ to play or big speakers, man power and many members of Chorus but we can replace those aids by genuinity and inspiration. And Individual can express their own talents only for Christ. It should be very dynamic.





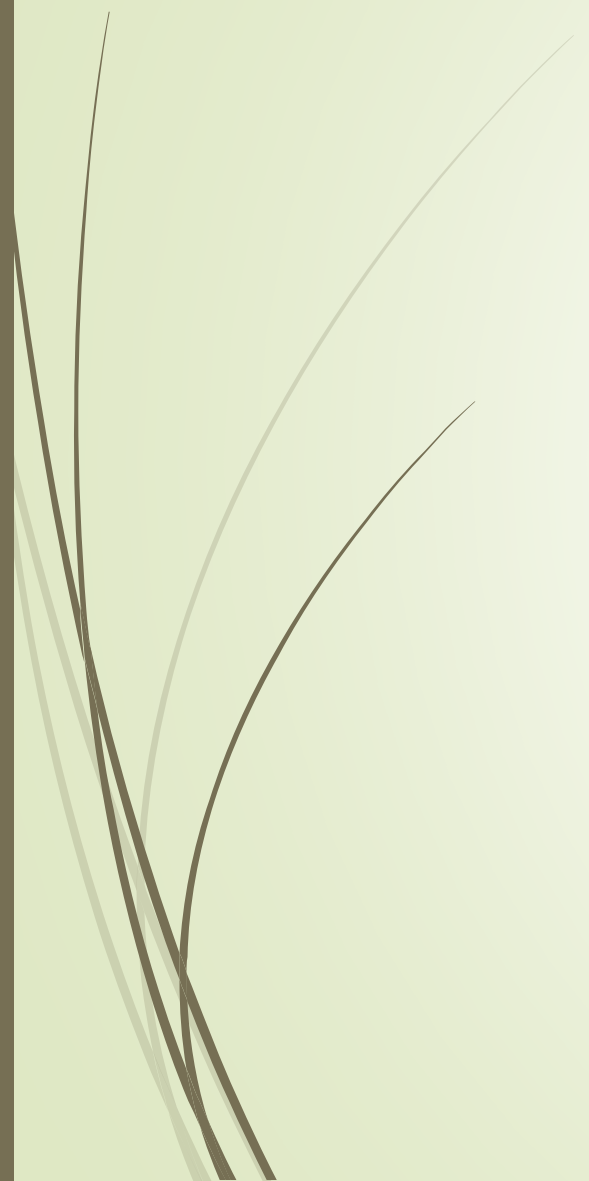


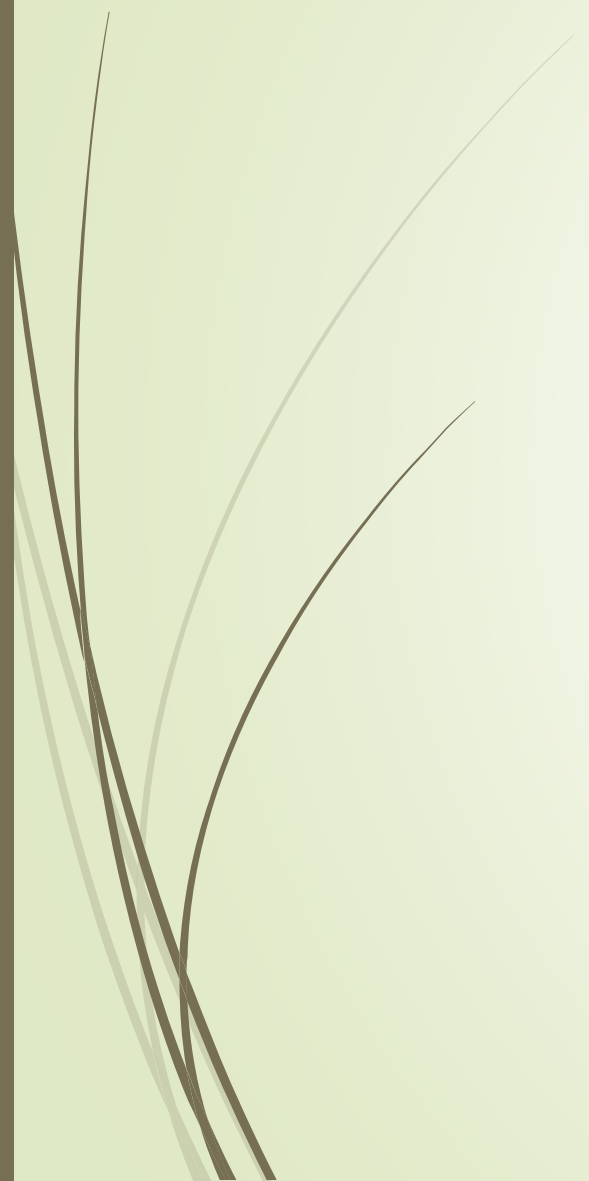



























# More personal contact with each others



- biblical family with parents and children.
- Parents also have closer contact with their children biblically.
- New bible students will be invited to this big circle of love and care.
- Through their participating in the work of God, Children will grow as a future leaders.
- Questions and answers are quickly attended



## 7. The common problems involved in house church






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- House church will not be guaranteed for success only because they begins a house church.
  - There are many problems, such as lack of manpower, lack of self education and discipline, financial difficulty, dependent spirit, stagnant, despair, loneliness, disputes among members etc.
  - Must not be 'my own world' and there will be spiritual blind spot
  - 'My own world' may be left unhelped and do not move toward healthy fellowship but opposite direction. Small blind spot may get bigger and become totally blind.
  - Human sinful nature will be expressed without filtering and end up with wounding one another in small inner circle and bitterness piled up and wounds can be much more amplified.




## 8. Healthy house church



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- “The greatest enemy of the house church” is the inner mind of “ I can do it or I cannot do it”
  - **28. Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”**  
**29. Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”**

### ***John 6:28-29***

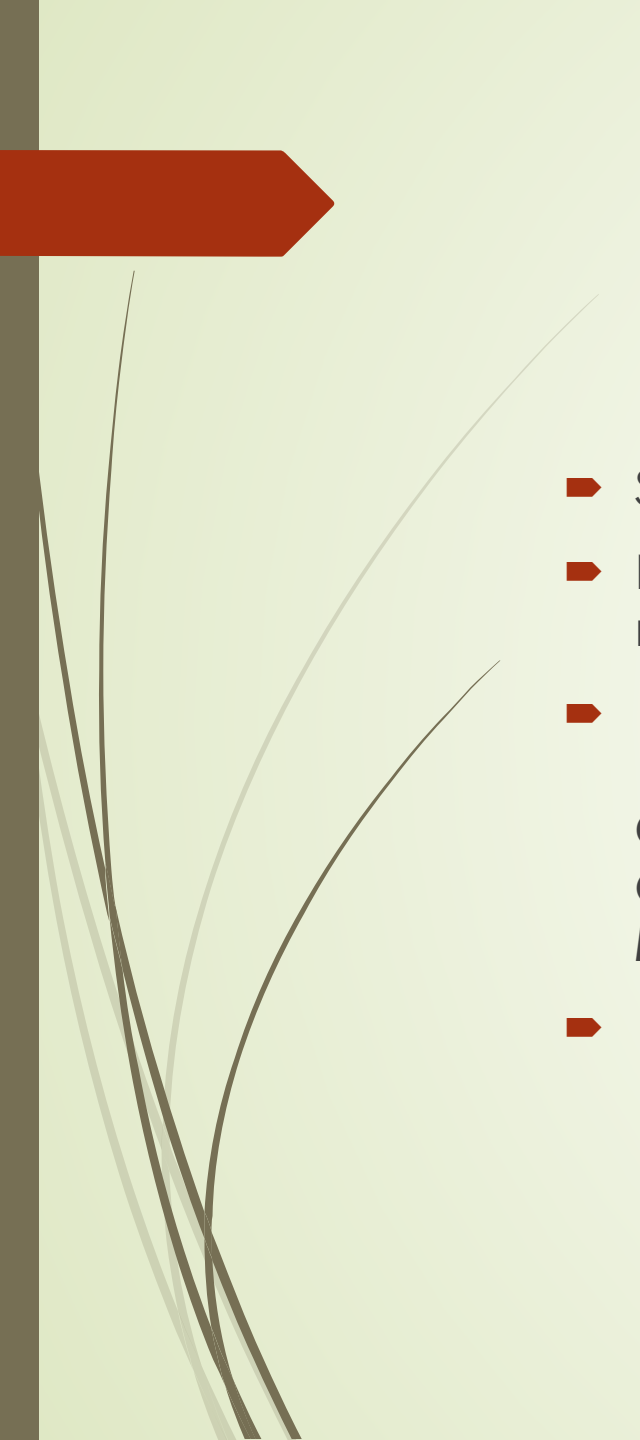
- We all ask God for loving one another, embracing other's weakness, serving others as Jesus did.
- Always fellowship with God and renewed daily. → Personal prayers and family prayers are the most important things.
- Always fellowship with outer fellow co-workers. → communicating with prayer topics and what they learn and what we learn.



**3. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**

**1 John 1:3**



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- Self disciplinary, earnest prayer and hymn and meditation of God words.
  - Never stop reading books and studying bible in depth and sharing message with other co-workers.





***13. until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.***

***Ephesians 4:13***





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- In many ways, it seems quite independent, but it must be always dependant on Holy Spirit and must be renewed everyday by the blood of Christ Jesus
  - Spiritually, It is somewhat like being in the tent in a wilderness, you must look at the heaven with prayers and be provided with the spiritual manna all the time.



















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