



Weekly House Church Meeting Schedule

How any house church runs their weekly meeting is entirely up to them. The information provided here is just a suggestion. Leave out any sections that are not what you do, or add in other parts if you feel the need.

However, what is included here covers all of the necessary elements of a weekly house church meeting based upon the scriptures, particularly in 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

The Schedule

Pre Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure you have all the resources you need, especially the bread and juice for your communion/breaking bread part of the service.• Ensure all phones are turned off or set to mute.
1. Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All meetings should open in prayer. We are coming together to praise and worship God and the Lord Jesus. Opening in prayer and asking the Lord to guide us as the head of the church is important.
2. Songs/Choruses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing songs of praise and worship has a powerful effect. First, it is a form of praise and worship to the Lord, and second, it often helps to get the members of the house church into the right frame of mind to hear the words of the Lord.
3. Testimonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testimonies are a great source of encouragement to the members of the house church. They lift people up seeing the Lord work in our lives.• House Church members should be permitted to briefly give testimonies of how the Lord has helped or worked in their life during the past week. They can tell of God's provision, healing, protection, help or any way that the Lord has been with them.

4. Announcements and Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend a few minutes making any necessary announcements • This may be things like when and where the next meeting will be held, financial status of the house church, works being undertaken, and so on.
5. Bible Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should always be a Bible reading of a section of scripture. • Typically, this might be a chapter selected that relates to the talk that is to be given that day, but it doesn't have to be.
6. Sermon/Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key reasons the church comes together is to learn the word and ways of God. • The purpose of the sermon/message is to teach and guide house church members from the scriptures.
7. Communion / Breaking Bread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion is a remembrance • It is where we are instructed to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ who died for us so that we could enter His kingdom • The bread represents His body given for us • The cup represents His blood poured out for us to bring the New Covenant into effect. • When taking Communion, someone should pray over the bread and the cup (separately or together), before taking the elements. • Scriptures in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 should be read out to remind us why we take Communion
8. Operation of Spiritual Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time should be set aside for the Lord to use His prophets to speak, as they are led by the Holy Spirit • There may be speakers in tongues as well, but only if someone has the gift of interpretation. • Note: These are gifts from the Holy Spirit. If you do not practice the receiving of the Holy Spirit with the attending gifts, this part of the meeting should be skipped.
9. Anointing the Sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord has provided for the Elders of the Church with the authority to anoint those who are sick with oil, and pray over them for healing (See James 5:13-15) • This is another reason why the church needs to appoint Elders.

10. Prayer requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members of the church should be asked if there are any requests for prayer for themselves or other. • These can be captured and recorded so that the church can pray over these issues either at that time, during a prayer meeting, or privately during the week ahead.
11. Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When all is done the meeting should close with a prayer thanking the Lord for all He does for us.

This information is the basic requirements for the house church weekly meeting, which can be modified to suit. It provides explanation why each part is included.

Various parts of the meeting can be led by different people to share the ministry around. For example, one person might lead the songs, another the Communion, others for the different prayers, someone else to do the reading and the sermon/teaching, and so on.

The following page provides a meeting schedule agenda for the weekly house church meeting.

If you choose to use the pre-planned meeting schedules in the blog section of the website, they are built around this same format.



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