

## The Kingdom of God – Meeting Types in the NT: The Body of Christ, His Ecclesia, Assemblies, Congregations, “Church”

Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and **hold firmly** to the **traditions**, just as I delivered them to you. 1 Corinthians 11:2; So then, brethren, **stand firm** and hold to the **traditions** which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 --- REV 4

#	Biblical Meeting-Assembly Type	Then	Now
1	Discipleship 1 on 1, or 3-12 people, same gender: daily	Face-to-face - Jesus & disciples, Paul & Timothy, Older women & younger women, i.e. Titus 2	In homes, small groups, on phone, email, social media
2	Local Neighborhood Assembly: daily, prayer, discipleship, tongues	Mark 14.3 - Jesus at Bethany; 1 Cor. 14.26 - home of Priscilla & Aquila; Acts 2 & 4 - met daily from house to house	Local neighborhood home, small groups, coffee shop
3	City Assembly: as led by Holy Spirit	church at Corinth, elders in city, 1 Cor.14, Ephesus	Local city groups
4	Regional Assembly	church in Galatia, Galatians	Region, State or Province
5	Teaching-Discipleship: specific project	structured daily school at Tyrannus, Acts 19.9	Special or continuous Bible study & discipleship
6	Special Issue-Problem: as need arises, major decisions by consensus of whole church (with minor disagreements deferred)	Acts 15 council of apostles, elders, whole church on false gospel; Acts 6.4 feeding of widows	As need arises
7	Evangelism 2 by 2 & groups – skeptics and seekers	Open air, Acts 17, Acts 28, etc.	Open air, digital
8	Visiting Leader, and Apostle	Paul & Acts 20 “dialogue,” etc.	Invited & traveling leaders, also media, digital & Web based

The 21<sup>st</sup> century Sunday-go-to-meeting-worship-service is neither described nor prescribed in the New Testament contract. God can work to a limited degree in unbiblical meeting types, but not supremely as would please Him. His Church, the *ecclesia*, are the called out ones, i.e. the saints, and is never a building, or an institution with a head buffalo senior pastor.

Why do we do what we do as the body of Christ? Is it acceptable to God to meet only once a year for 5 minutes, or to meet all day, every day for 30 days straight? We all are commanded to follow the traditions of God, and these are seen in God’s Word. The simple [house church](#) is what is described and modeled in His Holy Bible. 1 Cor. 14.26

