

Why do we need to have meetings?

1. **After believing in the Lord, we have become the members of God's family. In this family, we need to meet one another, have fellowship and encourage one another. Our Father in heaven loves to see us gather together and love one another.**
2. **God has special promises and blessings. When we come before Him together, He will be with us, and supply us even more.**
3. **God also promised, "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them." Our prayers will be more powerful/effective.**

- . So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19 ESV)
- . And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV)
- . "... Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:19-20 ESV)

4. **During the meetings, everyone will share how they experience the Lord. By doing so, we can understand more how deep God's love is, and we will love Him more.**
5. **During the meetings, we talk about God and the Bible, we will understand God's word and His will. Hence, we can set the foundation of our life. We will have progress and joy.**

- . That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3 ESV)
- . So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. (Philippians 2:1-2 ESV)
- . That according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength

to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth. (Ephesians 3:16-18 ESV)

- . From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:16 ESV)
- . Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. (Philippians 1:25-26 ESV)

6. After believing in the Lord, we still face Satan's disturbances and temptations from him. It is not good to fight this spiritual battle alone. If we have many companions who can support, pray for one another, and discuss the ways to overcome the enemies' schemes, we will be stronger and easier to gain victory.

- . Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 ESV)
- . But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:13 ESV)
- . So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22 ESV)

7. In the meetings, our spirits gain help and nourishment. At the same time, we can also provide for/nourish the others. We will be all satisfied and happy.

8. The meetings in God's family are full of abundance. Sometimes we can sing hymns together; sometimes we can chat/share with one another; and sometimes, we can have different activities.

- . So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:41-42 ESV)
- . And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47 ESV)

- . Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. (Ephesians 5:19 ESV)
- . Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16 ESV)
- . Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV)