**Christ Church Dunstable—Leaders’ Training 11 December 2023**

**The Responsibility of Home Group Leaders:**

**Leading Bible Studies and Prayer Times**

**1. The Marks of a Healthy Church**

**42**They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43**Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44**All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45**They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **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, **47**praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47, NIV**

**i. The Spirit-Filled Church Learns**

**ii. The Spirit-Filled Church Loves**

**iii. The Spirit-Filled Church Worships**

**iv. The Spirit-Filled Church Witnesses**

**2. The Making of Healthy Home Group Meetings**

**A) BEFORE a Home Group Meeting**

* Prompt
* Prepare
* Pray

*Discuss: What else have you found helpful by way of things to put in place before a home group meeting?*

**B) DURING a Home Group Meeting**

* Consider the Room

*Discuss: What things should you bear in mind about the room where you meet?*

* Watch the Clock

*Discuss: How can you ensure that you start and finish your meetings in good time?*

* Be Creative with What You Do

*Discuss: What can you do to keep the Bible Study/Prayer Time/Fellowship Time/Other Elements of your meeting as helpful as possible?*

* Love the People

*Discuss: How can you love the members of your group who:*

* *Dominate a meeting?*
* *Sit there in silence?*
* *Say something that’s wrong?*

***Discuss: Share any other top tips for making a home group evening fly!***

**C) AFTER a Home Group Meeting**

* Express Thanks
* Enable Continued Prayer
* Encourage the Ongoing Sharing of Lives

*Discuss: How else can you follow up a home group meeting effectively?*