

# The Responsibility of Home Group Leaders: Leading Bible Studies and Prayer Times

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## 1. The Marks of a Healthy Church

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>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?*