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A. Location of meeting.

1. In the home of a new believer.
2. In a local business.
3. Under a tree outdoors.
4. Only if necessary: In a rented or purchased building when the growing congregation can financially support the meeting venue.

B. Consistent meeting is important. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

1. Provides an atmosphere for fellowship.

The Greek word for fellowship expresses the idea of sharing, of having something in common with somebody else. Common participation takes on a form: giving and receiving. Christian fellowship seriously involves both aspects.

Our fellowship on the human level is seeking to share what God has made known of Himself with others, as a means of finding strength, refreshment, and instruction for spiritual growth. In fellowship, one seeks to receive as well as to give. According to Romans 1:11,12, Paul's understanding of fellowship is clear: it is a two-way channel where by both he and the believers may find mutual encouragement in the bond of Christian fellowship.

2. Provides an atmosphere for accountability.

In the face of temptation, many believers need an "accountability partner" to pray with and help share the burdens that come with doing spiritual warfare. It is good to have a brother or sister we can count on when we are facing temptations. King David was alone the evening that Satan tempted him into adultery with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). The Bible tells us we fight a war not of flesh but of the spirit, against powers and spiritual forces who threaten us (Ephesians 6:12).

3. Provides an atmosphere for prayer.

Prayer is that intimate communication with the Father in heaven and the house of prayer is the earthly expression of what is in heaven. Jesus was adamant about prayer in Matthew 21:12,13, when He came into His house and saw what it had become—this house includes two types of houses. People are to be an individual

house of prayer (1 Corinthians 6:19), and the assembly or fellowship of believers should also be a house of prayer (Matthew 18:20).

4. Provides an atmosphere for study and discipleship.

To disciple someone we need to develop character and competency. While much of this will be addressed in a more planned discipleship approach, the fellowship with other believers cultivates and refines this process.

The atmosphere should assist in developing a lifestyle marked by peace, grace, love, transformation by the Scripture and humility.

5. Provides an atmosphere for worship and praise.

Corporate worship and praise is vital for refreshing, encouragement and energizing. Additionally, it provides a safe place for prayer and direction from God.

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