

"TFT Bible Class will equip you with Christain values, principles and doctrines with the aim of transforming you to become an effective disciple in the ministry of Christ."



TOPIC 3.2.1

PURPOSE OF HOME FELLOWSHIP

1. Forms a building block of the church – What happens at the church needs to happen at the home cell and vice versa. In addition, a member of the home-cell group can invite a friend to the home-fellowship and there, just as in church, the person can be saved and then choose to join our church or a church of their own. Nonetheless, that soul that has been won, adds to the family of believers as a whole.
2. It is a place where people are nurtured and cared for. Because home-cells are typically smaller in number, compared to the main church, this makes room for that intentional fellowship, connection and a safer space being created for each member. The nature of home-fellowship is that it creates a safe space for each member to feel like they belong.

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

3. It provides a platform for church members to discover their gifting and use them to edify the church. In the same light, as members participate in the programme, it helps them nourish their gifts.

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (NIV)

"He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

4. To be accountable for one another-where we are challenged to pursue godly values, holiness, and righteous living. We are responsible and answerable to each other for our words and actions in and outside the group. This promotes trust and transparency.

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

FOUR-FOLD PURPOSE OF HOME FELLOWSHIP

1. EVANGELISM

- Vehicle for friendship evangelism: where you share your testimony of God's love, work and impact of His Word in your life.
- New converts can join with ease and comfort- non-threatening environment.

Acts 20:24 (NIV)

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

2. EDIFICATION

- Spiritual growth should be encouraged.
- Place of building strong Christian fellowship.

- A place where there is a listening ear, prayer support, and counsel.
- There should be no room for competition or any form of discouragement.

Proverbs 27:27(NIV)

*"You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed your family
and to nourish your female servants."*

3. EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

- Through the Home cell, believers are equipped for ministry.

1 Corinthians 7:7(NIV)

*"I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God;
one has this gift, another has that."*

- The goal of the church is to make disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ
- A home cell needs to disciple new converts, so they grow to become effective ministers of the gospel.

Ephesians 4:11-12(NIV)

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up."*

4. EXPANSION OF THE KINGDOM

- A home cell is an extension of church ministry in spreading the message of the cross
- There is a development of leadership.
- Can be used to make disciples; equipping them to be progressive and to grow spiritually and grow in numbers.

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)

*"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained
themselves to distinguish good from evil."*