

What a House church is - Acts 2:42-47 - IS NOT - 1 Cor 11:17,18

Family, community	Group therapy / counseling / 12 step
Unity	Division
Friendly, personal	spectator sport
A place to ask, think, study	a place to hide or show off
A place to worship	watch talent perform
Commitment, accountability	negligent, careless, flippant
Express fruit and gifts	argue doctrine
Relationship driven	overly structured
Organic, spontaneous	chaos, without structure
Disciplined by leaders	random immature opinions
Followers of Jesus, respecting elders -	anarchy, mob rule, popular vote
Biblically sound	no boundaries, doctrine, or context
Repentance and correction when necessary -	Pretend
Financially generous, benevolent	consumers
Welcome, embrace lost people	worldly culture, ignoring holiness
House to house	limited to one church building property
A great place for potluck suppers!	Fend for yourself!
Compare current events w/ scripture	focus on politics

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved

1 Cor 11:17-18

¹⁷In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

1 Cor 14:12

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 33 - For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints – 40 - Let all things be done decently and in order