

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VIII – The Christian Assembly
Lesson 08 – ‘Membership’ in the Body of Christ

I. Membership in the local body

A. God adds members to the local assembly: (Acts 2:38-39 & 41-47)

1. (v. 42) Continuing in the Apostles’ TEACHING & FELLOWSHIP:
 - a. Walking in the light = actively living by the knowledge of Christ (1 John 1:1-10).
2. (v. 42) Continuing in ‘breaking bread’ from ‘house to house’ (v. 46).
3. (v. 42) Continuing in ‘the prayers’ collectively (Matt. 18:19-20).
4. (v. 44-45) Meeting each other’s needs, serving each other (1 Cor. 12:4-27).
5. Practicing the teaching of Christ
 - a. Reconciliation & forgiveness (Matt. 5:21-24; Matt. 6:14-15)
 - b. Finances (Matt. 6:19-34)
 - c. Be merciful (Matt. 7:1-5)
6. Flee idolatry and remain unpolluted (2 Cor. 6:14-18; Jas. 4:3-10)
7. All these things require community – actually a “family”
 - a. Internal friction comes as the assembly moves closer to being a ‘family.’ That is why the SOM is so important.