

6. **What About Non-Sunday Assembling?** (a) The NT doesn't speak to this directly. (b) It does speak to it indirectly. (c) There is no commandment. (d) It is a matter of mutual expediency (suitability). (Acts 2:46-47) "And they, continuing _____ with _____ accord in the _____, and breaking bread from _____ to _____, did eat their meat with gladness and _____ of _____, _____ God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord _____ to the church _____ such as should be _____." It is certain that they were teaching God's Word, edifying one another, and that lost souls were being converted to Jesus. The text says God _____ to _____ on a _____ basis "such as should be saved."
7. **But, It Wasn't In The Church House** Ever heard of "church house religion"? They hadn't! Why? They didn't have church houses *per se*. It is true that Paul asked (1 Cor 11:22), "Have ye not _____ to _____ and to _____ in?" Obviously they weren't in their individual homes for the purpose of eating a common meal. Their sin: They were *divided* and *not communing together* as a group. They were not conscientiously (V26) remembering "the Lord's _____ till he come."
8. **Paul & The Troas "Church House"** The church, "the body of Christ," is comprised of individual members (1 Cor 12:27) who make up (1 Pet 2:5) the "spiritual house" of God. Material things are not "holy" today. Example: Paul met with brethren in Troas (Acts 20) for worship. They took the Lord's Supper (V7) and Paul preached "until _____." Eutychus (V9) fell out of a three-story window. When revived, Paul (V11), "when he therefore was _____ and had _____, and _____, and talked a _____ while, even till _____."
9. **Irrefutable Fact** Paul either took the Lord's Supper on Monday or ate a common meal in the meeting house. Which was it? _____ Every local church is autonomous and must decide its own *policies*. If a congregation has problems with eating in the physical structure, it is their right to refrain. Conversely, should another church decide to do so, it is their option.
10. **Assembling Demonstrates Our Love** (1 Jn 5:3) "For this is the _____ of God, that we _____ his _____: and his commandments _____." We show our love for God when we assemble to worship him and fellowship our brothers and sisters in Christ. Obviously we do not, and cannot, show our love for God in this way when we decide not to participate.
11. **Faith Is Demonstrated By Actions** (Jas 2:18) "Show me thy faith _____, and I will show thee my faith _____." Christians are commanded to "study" (2 Tim 2:15) that God may approve their dedication. (2 Pet 1:5) "And beside this, giving all _____, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue _____." One must "desire" the "the sincere milk of the word." Scripture? _____ Why? "That ye may _____ thereby." If one doesn't know what to do, can he do it? _____ How will he/she ever know if they fail to study, especially when they neglect the publicly held *teaching and preaching* opportunities of the church? _____
12. **Jesus Is There** Our Lord said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Scripture? _____ Can I know that Jesus is with me when I choose not to be where he said he would be? _____ Is Jesus with me if *I want to attend* but am bedfast?
13. **Non-attendance Looks Bad** By any reasoning, others assume that you are *spiritually weak, insincere, and uninterested* when you fail to assemble with the brethren. Paul emphasizes "that no man put a *stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*" Scripture? _____ Absenteeism and negligence breed more of the same. The wicked flaunt weaknesses they see in Christians. Spotty attendance and failure to attend church services doesn't go unnoticed.
14. **Please Excuse Me!** An excuse is *something offered as justification or as grounds for being excused.* Will God accept our excuses? Are they scripturally legitimate? Will God forgive us if we fail to repent? _____ Will he excuse us if we say we are too tired, too busy, don't like the singing, the preacher, or that some hypocrites attend? _____ Why would you not want to attend?