Ekklesia In The Home - Fundamentals For Building a Home Fellowship

HIGH-LEVEL STUDY GUIDE

Finding the Ancient Path

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Designed to align with the companion presentation and the supplied teaching transcript.

Teaching Summary

This teaching calls believers to move from passive study toward practical discipleship by building trusted, Scripture-centered fellowships in their homes and neighborhoods. It presents Yeshua's calling of disciples, His instructions for entering homes and offering peace, and Paul's language of planting and watering as models for reaching people with patience, hospitality, and service. The teaching points to first-century assemblies meeting in homes and urges participants to begin with the people and opportunities already around them, while allowing God to give the increase.

Key Scriptures

- Mark 1:16-20 - Yeshua calls fishermen to follow Him and become fishers of men.
- Jeremiah 16:14-16 - The prophecy describes the sending of fishermen in the gathering of Israel.
- Matthew 10:5-14 - Yeshua sends disciples, instructs them concerning households, peace, and reception.
- 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 - Paul plants, Apollos waters, and God gives the increase.
- Ezekiel 34:11-16 - YHWH declares that He Himself will search for and gather His sheep.
- Romans 16:5 - Paul greets the assembly meeting in a home.
- 1 Corinthians 16:19 - Aquila and Priscilla greet the assembly in their house.
- Colossians 4:15 - The congregation meeting in Nympha's house is mentioned.
- Philemon 1:2 - A congregation meeting in a home is addressed.
- 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 - When believers gather, participation is to build up others and occur in order.
- Matthew 28:18-20 - Yeshua commissions disciples to make disciples of all nations.

Key Takeaways

- Home fellowship is presented as a practical first-century pattern rather than an undertaking that requires a dedicated building.
- Making disciples begins by following Yeshua and acting rather than remaining paralyzed by fear or discomfort.

- Believers can begin with one person, a household, or a small circle of friends; hospitality and relationship matter.
- Matthew 10 offers a framework for sharing the message respectfully and discerning when a household is receptive.
- One believer may plant and another may water; God, not the individual evangelist, produces growth.
- Gatherings should foster participation, edification, order, prayer, and the study of Scripture.
- The teaching challenges listeners to take a concrete step toward fellowship and outreach in their own neighborhood.

Study Outline

1. From Holy Convocation to Action

- Connect the prior discussion of holy convocations with a practical call to bring the light of Scripture into local relationships.
- Consider the question facing single believers or households with no nearby fellowship.

2. Following Yeshua

- Review Mark 1:16-20 and the cost of following His example.
- Discuss fear and hesitation when sharing one's faith.

3. Entering Homes with Peace

- Read Matthew 10:5-14 in its historical mission context.
- Practice hospitality, respectful conversation, and discernment about receptivity.

4. Planting, Watering, and Seeking the Sheep

- Study 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 and Ezekiel 34:11-16.
- Recognize that people have different roles while God gives growth.

5. Ekklesia in the Home

- Examine Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15, and Philemon 1:2.
- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 for orderly, edifying participation.

6. A Local Fellowship Action Plan

- Identify people to invite, prepare a welcoming home, and plan a Scripture-centered gathering.
- Commit to follow-up and prayer without pressuring people.

Discussion & Reflection

1. Why does the teaching encourage believers to establish home fellowships?

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2. What can one person or a couple do when there is no fellowship nearby?

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3. What does Yeshua mean by making His followers fishers of men?

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4. What does Matthew 10 teach about entering a receptive household?

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5. What should believers do when someone rejects the message?

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6. Who is responsible for growth after planting and watering?

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7. What evidence shows that early assemblies met in homes?

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8. How can a home fellowship make its gatherings edifying and orderly?

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9. How does the call to gather the lost sheep relate to outreach?

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10. What is one practical first step after hearing this teaching?

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Personal Application

Prayer focus: Ask the Father for courage, discernment, hospitality, and love as you take steps toward local fellowship.

Who could you invite into your home for a Scripture-centered conversation?

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What specific first step will you take this week?

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