

Fellowship. Here are some thoughts on how to conduct a fellowship, which is a gathering of people for the purpose of learning about and worshipping God.

- Introduction (2 - 10 minutes)
 - Announcements
 - That the Lord, Jesus Christ, is coming back
 - Upcoming events
 - News about members of the body
 - Need for prayer
 - News of deliverance
 - Prayer
 - An opening prayer or a group prayer, depending on group size and venue
 - Songs
 - Ask for favorites and suggestions
 - The leader should keep tempo with his/her hand to help others stay in beat
 - If there is a guitar or piano player, they can accompany
 - Usually three to four songs is best
 - A good practice is to have a quiet song before manifestations
 - Ex.: In The Garden
 - If there are children present, it is good to have a song they will enjoy and can participate in (hand motions, clapping, etc.)
 - Ex.: I've Got Peace Like a River
- Manifestations (2 to 10 minutes)
 - Two or more people manifest the spirit, it should be decent in and order (I Corinthians 14)
 - If there are people that are unfamiliar with manifestations, it is a good idea to give a brief introduction to the spirit and its manifestations
 - The leader can have someone close in prayer and that person may also summarize the messages from the manifestations
- Teaching (15 to 60 minutes)
 - We know that God's Word is of no private interpretation (II Peter 1:20)
 - The teaching should have a theme or subject
 - When reading from the Bible, the teacher may ask others to read so they can participate
 - The teacher may ask questions or purposely misspeak in order to gain and hold attention and build the skill that we should prove all things to the Word and read and know it ourselves
 - Analogies and sharing of life experiences can help illustrate concepts and points, but they shouldn't draw undue attention to the teacher and away for the teaching or God
 - Eastern customs and figures of speech should be explained (good references include the works of K. C. Pillai).
 - Depending on the length, one or more summaries may be necessary to help the listeners organize the material in their minds and retain it
 - The teacher should suggest ways in which the listener can continue to explore the subject or theme
 - Provide a verse listing or recording

- Suggest word studies
 - Suggest another teaching
 - Suggest a particular set of records be read
 - Suggest they consult a particular author's book
 - The teacher may be interrupted by questions, late arrivals, perhaps even objections
 - Handle the situation with grace and love
 - Ask God for guidance
 - If there have been previous occurrences of improper interruptions, it might be a good idea to discuss this with the person(s) prior to the teaching and lay down some rules for their participation
- Collection (allow people to give; 0 to 2 minutes)
 - Types of giving
 - Tithe (10%, first fruits to express our thanks and to provide for God's people)
 - Abundant Sharing (above 10%)
 - Do not judge; people can give or not; and they don't have to give at all or to your fellowship. What they do is their business.
 - God loves a cheerful giver
 - Make giving available and anonymous
 - Purpose of the freewill gifts is to provide for God's people and for His service
 - God promises to provide our needs
 - There are many non-monetary forms of giving
 - Service
 - Prayer
 - Companionship
- Socialization (allow time and encourage people to get to know each other and support each other)
 - We are one body with many unique members under one Lord
 - We are not the same and we all have value
 - We can learn and gain strength from each other
 - We are not alone and our problems are not unique to us alone
 - We can learn about others' needs and pray for each other
- Breaking Bread Together (Christ often taught, healed and fed his followers; we can model our ministry after his).
 - This can range from a light snack to a sit down meal
 - It may have some ceremonial aspect (Passover/last supper remembrance)
- Ministration
 - Someone might need prayer and ministering to
 - They may ask, they may not; God may prompt the action