

**Shine  
In  
Power  
Groups**

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1 Corinthians 16:19 (ESV)

The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with **the church in their house**, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.

**When the New Testament was written, House Churches were the only context the early church had. There were not any churches in the hundreds or thousands of people. These house churches were communities manifesting the love, compassion, and power of Christ. Religious cults can build strong communities. However Christian House Churches or Power Groups have the presence of the Holy Spirit that empowers and transforms its members plus powerfully impacts the world.**

**When we read the NT, we need to understand that the Power of the Holy Spirit permeated every written word. It was incomprehensible to have a church without the supernatural experience of the Holy Spirit. In addressing the error of legalism, Paul assumed the experience of the Spirit was present.**

Galatians 3:1–3 (ESV)

**O foolish Galatians!** Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: **Did you receive the Spirit** by works of the law or by hearing with faith? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? **Having begun by the Spirit**, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

**The gathering of the house church was a “power center” from which God worked.**

1 Corinthians 5:4–5 (NIV)

**<sup>4</sup> So when you are assembled** and I am with you in spirit, **and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,**  
**<sup>5</sup> hand this man over to Satan** for the destruction of the flesh so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

**These house churches were clearly anticipated by Jesus when HE declares that HE would build HIS church.**

Matthew 16:18–19 (ESV)

**<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

Matthew 18:18–20 (ESV)

**<sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** **<sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them** by my Father in heaven.  
**<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.**

**The gatherings of believers in these “power centers” experience the manifestation of “all” spiritual gifts.**

1 Corinthians 14:26 (ESV)

What then, brothers? **When you come together**, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

**We witnessed this in our Healing and Prophetic Service. We had a community come together with words of Knowledge and prophecy ministering healing. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, “This is the model I am going to use in BCC.”**

**The Scripture does record the gathering of believers in larger gatherings. These “celebrations” are very important for healthy church life. However, we need to have a “mind change” concerning our Home Groups, in fact all our small groups.**

**New Testament “BCC” Small Groups:**

**#1 Have the necessary knowledge – The Wagon!**

**#2 Power Centers to bind and loose in the Spirit.**

**#3 Power Centers of Prophecy and Healing.**

**#3 Power Centers for Focused Evangelism.**

**#4 Power Centers for Impartation.**

**#5 Power Centers to affirm and confirm ministry.**

**The evidence of growth and ministry of a saint is in the House church. The house Church will confirm one’s gifting and calling.**

**How can you ignore the small group gathering; your Home Group? How can you withdraw from the very presence of Christ? How can you spiritually starve yourself? How can you miss being with brothers and sisters experiencing gifts of the Holy Spirit? How can you miss the opportunity to personally impart a word, a prophecy of hope and to your brothers and sisters? How can you miss the opportunity to minister healing to your brothers and sister suffering in this evil world?**

**You may say, “My group doesn’t do that.” Well it should. It starts with you. Change your thinking, take the initiative, invite the Holy Spirit to come and step out into the gifts of the Spirit. We are powerful. Empowered, we will witness Christ!**

**Look at the next verse after the Apostle Paul talks about these “power groups” in 1Corinthians:**

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**Prophetic Team – Hear what the Spirit is saying!**

**PVC – Impartation – Take the initiative; join me!**