

What Assemblies Looked Like in the NT

ASSIGNMENT: Find passages that talk about what the congregation did while it was assembled and put an “X” in the appropriate box under that collective activity. Do you know of any passages that are not, but should be, included in this list?

PASSAGE	Singing	Praying	Teaching	Giving	L. Supper	Edifying	Reported	Decision	Discipline	HS Gifts	Reading
Mat. 18.17											
Acts 2.42											
Acts 4.23, 31, 35											
Acts 6.2-3											
Acts 11.26											
Acts 12.5, 12											
Acts 14.27											
Acts 15.22											
Acts 15.30											
Acts 20.7, 11											
Acts 21.17-19											
I Cor. 5.4-5											
I Cor. 11.18-ff											
I Cor. 14.23, 26											
I Cor. 16.1-3											
Col. 4.16											
Heb. 10.25											

The Bible uses two terms to describe the church when it comes together to perform some activity. Sometimes simply the word “church” (*ekklesia*) is used (I Cor. 14.12; Matt. 18.17) but sometimes the word “assembled”, “gathered together” (*sunago*) or “come together” is used (*sunerchomai*) to emphasize the congregation being assembled rather than used in a distributive (when we’re not collected together) sense.

Some good examples of how both words are used together is:

Acts 14.27 “...had gathered the church together...” *sunago* and *ekklesia*

I Cor. 11.18 “...come together in the church...” *sunerchomai* and *ekklesia*

1 Cor. 14.23 “...whole church be come together...” *ekklesia* and *sunerchomai*