

SUPPLYING THE WORD IN MEETINGS OF MUTUALITY

There is another need that we have not taken care of in the past. We should **grasp the opportunity** in every meeting of mutuality **to supply others with the word**. This can be in the **prayer meeting**, the **bread-breaking meeting**, and the **fellowship meeting**. In some localities there is **no ministering of the word** in the prayer meetings. Instead, the saints sing some hymns and pray a little. After this, the meeting is ended. **Such a situation is neither normal nor proper.**

Some of the brothers and sisters who come to a prayer meeting

- may be new believers,
- others might not know how to pray, and
- still others might not be in the mood to pray.

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Therefore, in meetings such as the bread-breaking meeting, the prayer meeting, and the fellowship meeting, **there should be a supply from the ministry of the word**. The serving ones should not sleep peacefully; they should continually consider how to stir up the meetings. The meetings should be stirred up by the **ministry of the word** and by leading the saints in selecting hymns, praying, speaking, and giving announcements. The hearts of the brothers and sisters should be stirred up, and they should be helped to open their mouth one by one to pray in the meeting.

In particular, those who serve in the ministry of the word should **release a word in every prayer meeting**. But it **should never be done in a rigid way**. A word should also be released in the bread-breaking meeting, but it should not be done rigidly. We should **be flexible**. **Something can be spoken before breaking the bread or after breaking the bread. One can even give a short word of fellowship while the bread and the cup are being passed.** We should simply follow the flow of the Spirit. Those who minister the word should **be prepared to release a word in the meetings**. (*The Administration of the Church and the Ministry of the Word*, Chapter 11)