

It's possible a church meeting does more harm than good?

*1 Cor 11..v. 17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse... **more harm than good***

18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it.....20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.

21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

(1) chaos

(2) divided

(3) not Christ centered

WHY do we lead meetings like we do?

60 questions

- A) before**
- B) Starting & hosting**
- C) Ministry**
- D) Governing**

Before

- 1) Why sit in front?
- 2) Why MC together ?
- 3) Why we work in team to reduce disturbances (esp kids)
- 4) Why we talk about kids in advance ?
- 5) Why check videos before?
- 6) Why talk to music leader before?
- 7) Why do a basic run Sheet?
- 8) Why check your clothes/ grooming before arrive ?
- 9) Why get your kids taken care of before you arrive?
- 10) Why you don't start late?
- 11) Why we prepare ourselves (energy, Faith etc) before
- 12) Why you don't end late ?
- 13) Why are we purposeful in ending ?
- 14) Why we get details sorted behind the scenes before the meeting (clipboards, videos, communion, baptized sitting , etc)
- 15) Why atmospherics should be intentional (volume, lighting, temperature, background music, slides)

Starting & hosting

- 16) Why say Hello in happy but sincere way?
- 17) Why smile?
- 18) Why we don't impose our mood on the meeting?

- 19) Why we look at people when we talk about them and don't read their names
- 20) Why we need to be loving but strong
- 21) Why we need to know the crowd ; age, language, unsaved , church history?
- 22) Why we look at leading the meeting in terms of: (1) family(hello, pastoral, ministry) , (2) government (vision, gifts, timing, dealing with issues)
- 23) Why we don't use cliches ?
- 24) Why we don't gassssss on forever
- 25) Why we reserve most humor to ripping ourselves
- 26) Why we don't major on minor issues or provoke with politics and sex
- 27) Why we don't apologize for unnecessary things

Ministry

- 28) Why we call people forward
- 29) Why we take time , but don't expose people
- 30) Why do we pray?
- 31) Why we sing different kinds of songs (proclaim, intimacy, prophetic, tongues)
- 32) Why we would stop silence time?
- 33) Why would you not let a word be brought?
- 34) Why elders-need to model worship

Governance

- 35) Why do we not preach about money before an offering
- 36) Why are we not flippant about the offering
- 37) Why would we prefer to baptize people in the service
- 38) Why would we like to dedicate kids on a Sunday
- 39) Why do we not use titles or overdo intros of a preacher
- 40) Why we celebrate rather than whip to motivate
- 41) Why we don't command people
- 42) Why we compliment the tech guys
- 43) Why we can't let heresy go
- 44) Why specialists should get the Mic (**site CAPTAINS ALWAYS SET MC ROSTER**)
- 45) Why we sing with our eyes open
- 46) Why we don't let casual people near a mic
- 47) Why we ask the question " are people involved "
- 48) Why we ask the question " is Jesus being glorified "
- 49) Why we ask " what do we have faith for".
- 50) Why we screen people before they take the mic
- 51) Why would you hold the mic when a stranger is speaking ?
- 52) Why we don't correct from mic unless it's harmful for people
- 53) Why we wait for right time for prophetic words?
- 54) Why we are mindful of smooth transitions
- 55) Why we only have 2local announcements

- 56) Why we-lead strongly in breaking of bread
- 57) Why we explain baptism
- 58) Why we ask baptized people how they got saved
- 59) Why we don't stick to a run sheet like a straight jacket
- 60) Why it's important to understand meeting dynamics of peaking and dipping . And to know what God is doing

-Big mistakes in leading a meeting:

- assuming that more words** = more anointing
- not managing **causal** people
- eyes** closed
- rebuking** with the mic
- lack of **integrity**- be funny – but be sincer
- religious** jargon
- drifting
- letting the needs of the **minority** hijack the meeting
- being unaware of what **God** wants to do
- speaking to the front row , instead of whole church
- being unaware of what the people are feeling

Some questions to ask ?

- are the people involved
- is Jesus being Glorified
- Are people meeting with God...Is their faith in the house

Chap 11

Sorts these issues out

then chpt 12 & 14 sorts another issue... Gifts in meeting

For NCF elders (MC checklist)

top 30 Mic mistakes elders make leading meetings:

1. When your hello is not happy and sincere and natural.
2. When you don't talk to the video crew or don't review the media ahead of time.
3. Dressing in a way that relates to only one group (eg hat)
4. When you start or end late.
5. When you try to sum it all up.
6. When your words are boring, when you just repeat cliches that other MCs use eg " if you haven't met me, my name is" or " hi I'm tom, I'm one of the leaders in this church"

7. Rehearsed lines delivered in parrot fashion
8. When you "Jump up too soon" to interrupt worship
9. Long winded, ie you haven't chosen your words carefully
10. No passion
11. When you impose your mood on the meeting
12. If talking about people, and its apparent you don't know them
13. Ending the meeting carelessly
14. If u don't bunch prophetic words, you will have a stop/ start meeting
15. When you don't smile
16. If after worship you don't transition , ie you blurt out "ok sit please "
17. When you have too many announcements (no more than 2 local announcements are appropriate)
18. When you clap for visitors midway through worship
19. When you expose people during breaking of bread
20. When you surprise the media guy with a request, then wait for him impatiently.
21. Not checking Mic before u go up
22. Allowing anyone access to the mic
23. When you don't have a clear plan for the meeting
24. When you use humour which exposes other people.
25. When you correct from the Mic on "non life threatening issues"

26. When you apologize for unnecessary things, "sorry I am nervous". Sorry I haven't prepped
27. When you stick to a run sheet like a straight jacket
28. When you can't read the emotion required of you, eg flippant in tragedy, somber in celebration, non-caring to individuals.
29. Getting frustrated with kids during the meeting or letting them dominate the meeting
30. Starting or ending late.