

11 House churches in earliest Christianity

Paul's favorite name for his communities:

ekklēsia

What does it mean?

Meeting in working households. What does this mean?

Homes in which all the activities of family life are happening—

weddings, childbirth, raising children, death,
funerals

Regular functions of house church groups:
weekly worship,
instruction,
hospitality,
networking

- Adaptation of Roman meal customs to Christian use
- First eating, then drinking and discussion
- Therefore, probably the opposite of the present order of word then table
- Who presides at the meal?