

## Criteria for Evaluation an Assembly

For those looking for a solid apostolic assembly to commit to, we suggest using the following criteria as a guide for making an informed evaluation.

1. Do you sense the presence of God in the meetings?
2. Do the people, including those in leadership, seem to genuinely love God and one another?
3. Do the people, including those in leadership, seem to genuinely care about you?
4. Is the atmosphere spiritual, joyful, and godly?
5. Is the Bible esteemed as the Word of God and is it taught without compromise?
6. Are the fundamental doctrines clearly biblical?
7. Is there openness and easy access to needed ministry?
8. When you leave the meetings and functions of the assembly, do you feel refreshed, blessed, and edified, or do you feel disheartened and/or spiritually battered?

You will probably need to visit an assembly multiple times before deciding whether or not to commit. We do recommend, however, that once you commit, you stay committed, even during difficult times. It is unlikely you will find an assembly where you agree with everything. That should not be your goal. What you are seeking is an assembly that stands for truth, that demonstrates love, and that provides a place where you can grow and serve God. Having found that, we encourage you to thank God and be content.