

## Are You “Retreating” From The Lord?

For a long time, a lot of brethren have organized or participated in “retreats,” a daylong or weekend series of meetings for men or women to teach, study, pray, visit, etc. This arrangement, provided it is not a church-sponsored recreational event, is not wrong in and of itself. Paul used several occasions to teach the gospel outside of the worship assembly (Acts 18:11; 19:10; 20:31).

However, care needs to be exercised to make sure these times of “renewal” include “devotion” to sound doctrine. There seems to me to be a lot of neglect in strong, foundational lessons among brethren now. We do need to build ourselves up in the “*most holy faith*” (Jude 20), but please do not let these “retreats” of “renewal” ironically make you spiritually worse in the long run.

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