

# Solemn Assembly 2018 – “Real Change”

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit because you can do nothing without me.” John 15:5*

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Where	@ Home	@ Community Clusters	@ Epiphany Fellowship	Leaders@ Epiphany Fellowship Everyone else@ Community Clusters	@ Epiphany Fellowship
Times	6-9pm	6-9pm	7:30-9pm	7:30-9pm	6-10pm
Format	Songs Prayer Bible readings	Songs Prayer Bible readings	Songs Prayer Bible readings	Songs Prayer Bible readings	Prayer and Praise Night/ breaking the fast/potluck
Time intervals	12am-11am 11am-3pm 3pm-12am <b>Begin the fast</b>	12am-11am 11am-3pm 3pm-12am	12am-11am 11am-3pm 3pm-12am	12am-11am 11am-3pm 3pm-12am	12am-11am 11am-3pm 3pm-12am <b>Break the Fast</b>

Solemn Assembly is a call to repentance and a commitment to seek the face of God with a willing heart. This call is seen in Joel 1:14, 2:12-14 and Isaiah 58. This is a call to a Biblical fast to allow us to individually and collectively turn our hearts toward the Lord as we begin 2018. Solemn Assembly is a pause from life as usual to look towards the Living God. It serves as a way to demonstrate our unity as one Body in Christ (Ephesians 4) in the coming year.

The focus for Solemn Assembly 2018 is on “Real Change,” from John 15:5. Only as we proclaim and live out a life of dependence on Jesus will our lives be used for His great glory. Our desire both individually and corporately is to align our lives, our families, our communities, and our churches with the will of God. Following the example of Jesus, this means forsaking our comfort to submit to God's will.

## SOME AREAS OF FOCUS

- Growing in a deeper dependence on Jesus
- Coming before God in confession and repentance
- Personal direction for you (directional clarity for life)
- Strength for marriages, families, and singles to live to the glory of God
- Unity in the body of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally
- The growth of God's church through conversions and purposeful discipleship
- Dialogue across ethnic, cultural, and economic lines.

## GUIDELINES FOR SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

- **Fast during 1, 2, or all 3 time slots focusing on prayer and Bible reading**
- Spend time praying during the time you usually eat
- No TV
- No web surfing (unless job related)
- No Social Media
- No Blogging
- **Read your Bible, pray, and connect to other believers**