



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

How can you make your house a place where people want to sit down to find out what your secret is? A place where people are drawn to like a light in a dark world? Where you are the salt in a saltless environment? In this program, go on a journey to discover the core, the way God the Father has before commanded it to the Jews and King Jesus has also taught us how spiritual growth comes to express itself in our daily lives.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the seventh fundament: houses.

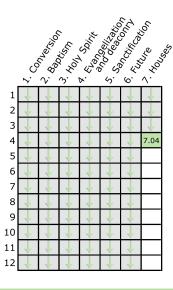
We recommend you to read the book of Acts while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament

Previous program: 7.03 Lord's Supper

This program: 7.04 Sabbath

Next program: 7.05 Family

For an overview of all programs, see the Learnhouse.







1a. Genesis 1:28 says: "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." For which two things was man predestined?

(answer) Being fruitful and ruling over God's creation.

2a. Why did satan want man to fall from grace into sin?

(answer) So he could rule over the children of God the Father on earth.



3a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) The Hebrew word "Sabbath" means "to cease" (to stop). Someone from the team asking the question will draw what it is you cease doing that day. The other team tries to guess this.

(answer) Working.

(comment) "Sabbath" can also mean "to rest".

4a. When did celebrating the Sabbath become a law?

(answer) When Moses received the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. (comment) This is described in Exodus 31:13: "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy."

5a. Mark 2:23-28 says:

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Did King Jesus Himself also celebrate the sabbath? Please explain.

(answer) Yes he did. King Jesus was a Jewish rabbi (teacher) and He explained how the Sabbath should be seen, not to stop celebrating it.





6a. Acts 2:41-47 says:

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This passage names eleven things the first church did. Name six.

(answer) The other team needs to name six of these:

- 1. Convert people;
- 2. Baptize those who are converted;
- 3. Staying true to the apostles' teaching;
- 4. Being together (gathering);
- 5. Have a meal including the Lord's Supper (this is not separate from one another);
- 6. Pray;
- 7. Do signs and miracles;
- 8. Have everything in common;
- 9. Practice deaconry (caring for the weak);
- 10. Praise God the Father;
- 11. Evangelize.

7a. At which two places did the first church gather?

(answer)

- 1. In the temple.
- 2. At home.

(comment) This is described in Acts 2:46 (see question 6a). The temple was largely destructed in the year 70 after Christ.

8a. At what time and at which day do the Jews celebrate Sabbath?

(answer) From Friday night at sunset until Saturday night at sunset.





9a. Hebrews 4:1-8 says:

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest." And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "On the seventh day God rested from all his works." And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

What does it mean to "enter into rest"?

(answer) You consciously choose to take rest. It is a state of heart.

10a. Hebrews 4:9–11 says:

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

What "rest" is meant here?

(answer) The Sabbath-rest.

11a. What does such an approach to life benefit you?

(answers) Because you live from rest everywhere and every day, you also radiate that rest. This way, you reach others with the gospel of King Jesus.



12a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime which two things you will do with one another every time you gather, to remember what King Jesus did for us. The other team will try and guess these two acts.

(answer) The other team must name both points correctly:

- 1. Breaking and eating the bread.
- 2. Drinking the wine.

(comment) It says in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26: "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."





1b. Genesis 3:19 says: "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food." It means we have to work hard for our bread. Why must we work?

(answer) Man put himself under the slavery of sin because of disobedience. Slaves must work hard.

2b. Why didn't God the Father want this?

(answer) He wants for His children to live in rest, peace and freedom.



3b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.) Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what kind of day the Sabbath is. The other team will try and guess this. (answer) Day of rest.

4b. Exodus 31:14-17 says:

"Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death.

The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

What kind of penalty did you receive if you did not keep this law? (answer) The death penalty.

5b. Is the Sabbath still relevant for us, now and in the end time? Please explain. (answer) Yes. For example, in Matthew 24:20, King Jesus explicitly recommends us that when the great tribulation begins: "Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath."

6b. Which of the 11 points from question 6a can you usually not do by yourself? (answer) The apostles' teaching.

(comment) It can only be called that if the teaching has been approved by an apostle. The TXT Fondue programs are made to provide in apostles' teaching, so that this way you can still receive apostles' teaching. This way, you are able to do everything the original church did.

7b. Which Biblical feast is celebrated weekly at home? (answer) The Sabbath.

8b. Then are we supposed to celebrate it at the same time as the Jews do? Please explain.

(answer) No, we can also do it at other times.

(comment) With the children from the neighborhood, you could celebrate it on Wednesday afternoons. For the nature club, the Sunday mornings are probably best. For people who go to the gatherings on Sunday mornings, the Sunday evening is probably better suited. The Friday evenings are a lovely evening at which together with the Messianic brothers and sisters, the Sabbath can be celebrated.







9b. It is important that you always know where you can find that rest. Because King Jesus has died on the cross and He has redeemed us by doing so, we are no longer slaves to sin. This is why He can give us rest. The team asking the question lets the other team memorize these words that King Jesus said, and repeat them off the top of their heads:

Matthew 11:28: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

(answer) The team asking the question decides if the other team has done well memorizing and reciting this Bible verse.

10b. What does the Sabbath-rest mean?

(answer) Your way of life.

(comment) The life of a follower of King Jesus is like one great, long day of rest. Going into rest both day and night, that is a feast! Everything you do, including your work, you do from an attitude of rest.

11b. Eating, praying, breaking the bread and drinking the wine with your guests is a type of gathering in the way Acts 2 means it. We call it a house feast. You primarily invite your guests to reach them with the gospel of King Jesus. What is the definition of "reaching"?

(answer) Letting them both hear and experience the gospel.

(comment) The commandment we received to reach our network with the gospel is made visible in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Children logically also eat along with the vening meal; we point unconverted people to the importance of celebrating the Lord's Supper and to them we also declare the meaning and the essentiality of it. After all, we are together to reach them.

12b. Matthew 26:26-28 says:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

What do we experience when we celebrate the Lord's Supper together? (answer) Forgiveness of sins.