

Should Assemblies hold meetings when there is a lockdown?

The Delta variant of the COVID19 virus is now all over the world. This variant is known to spread at a faster rate than the previous ones. Most countries have adopted an elimination strategy to stop the spread of the virus. It also gives us the chance to get vaccinated. Once the population is vaccinated, options to opening up the economy become available. Lockdown is integral to the elimination strategy.

This knowledge is known to people in authority and those following the development of this virus. All forms of public gatherings and visitations during lockdown will be against the revealed knowledge. Hence, holding meetings is detrimental to the safety of the members and the wider community. We will also be breaking the law, which is something Christians should not be doing. In this context, the instruction to obey authority is paramount.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath but also for conscience sake (Romans 13:1-5).

Hence the right decision when there is a lockdown is to suspend meetings until the situation improves.