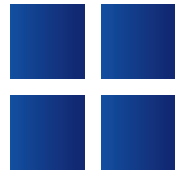




House CHURCH



In Scripture, Christians gathered in houses around a meal. There was a simplicity and depth to focusing on relationships with one another and on how to know God deeper through prayer and the study of Scripture. The beauty and power of such an initiative is that you really need is a living room, a bible study, and two or three people.

Menu

House Church can look like a lot of different things - from meeting in a park, in different homes or in a coffee shop.

Here is an overview of the basic elements:

1

CHOOSE YOUR COHORT

- FRIENDS & FAMILY
- COLLEAGUE • NEIGHBORS
- MEETING NEW PEOPLE

OTHER: _____

2

CHOOSE HOW YOU WILL GET THE WORD OUT

- PERSONAL INVITATION
- EMAIL
- SOCIAL MEDIA

OTHER: _____

3

CHOOSE YOUR PLACE TO GET STARTED

- KITCHEN/DINING (HOME)
- PARK • PUB
- DOG PARK
- LIVING ROOM (HOME)
- RESTAURANT/DINER
- TRAIL • COFFEE SHOP

OTHER: _____

4

CHOOSE YOUR SPIRITUAL FOCUS

- BIBLE STUDY
- DAILY OFFICE
- LECTIO DIVINA
- CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
- INTERCESSORY PRAYER
- HYMN SINGING

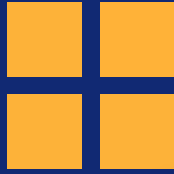
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CHOOSE YOUR WAY TO BUILD COMMUNITY

- COOK A MEAL TOGETHER
- NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP
- LECTIO DIVINA
- SUPPORT FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CHALLENGES
- PARENTING DISCUSSION/SUPPORT
- DOG WALKING/TRAINING
- HYMN SINGING

OTHER: _____



Things to Ponder

CLARIFY YOUR VISION AND PURPOSE

Define the purpose of your home church. Is it to study and discuss scripture, worship, provide support, or serve the community? Understanding your vision will guide your decisions throughout the process.

PRAY AND SEEK GUIDANCE

Dedicate time to prayer and meditation, seeking guidance from your faith tradition or spiritual beliefs. A home church is a sacred endeavor, and seeking divine guidance is essential.

DETERMINE THE FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Decide on the structure of your home church meetings. Will you have a traditional worship service, a study group, or a mix of activities?

Determine the frequency of gatherings (weekly, bi-weekly, etc.) and the duration of each meeting.

GATHER A CORE TEAM

Begin by gathering a small group of individuals who share your vision and are committed to being part of the home church. This core team will help you with planning and getting the word out.

NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS

Foster a sense of community and fellowship among your members. Encourage open communication and make time for personal sharing and support.

LEGAL AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Check local laws and regulations to ensure you can host gatherings in your home. Look into any permits or permissions required.

Liability insurance is worth considering, as you'll have people coming to your home regularly.

SET UP YOUR HOME SPACE

Create a comfortable and inviting space in your home where people can gather. Depending on the size of the group, you may need to rearrange furniture or designate a specific area.

PROMOTE YOUR HOME CHURCH

Spread the word about your home church to friends, family, neighbors, and through social media. You can also create flyers or a simple website to share information.

PLAN AND LEAD THE GATHERINGS

Develop a schedule for each meeting, including worship, prayers, study, and any other activities.

Consider assigning different roles to members of your core team, such as leading prayers, reading scriptures, or preparing refreshments.

ENCOURAGE PERSONAL GROWTH

Provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, such as workshops, guest speakers, or outreach activities.

ENSURE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY

Aim to create an inclusive and diverse environment where people of all backgrounds feel welcome and valued. Embrace different perspectives and experiences.

ADDRESS PASTORAL NEEDS

Be prepared to address pastoral needs that may arise within the group. This can include counseling, prayer support, or referring members to professional help if necessary.

ADAPT AND GROW

Be open to feedback and willing to adapt as your home church evolves. Seek input from your members and adjust when necessary.

STAY CONNECTED

Connect with other home churches or local faith communities to share experiences, resources, and collaborate on projects.

Remember, starting a home church requires patience and commitment. Focus on building a loving and supportive community, and let the spiritual growth and connections develop naturally over time.

House Church is a simple concept that should also be simple in organizing.

It can happen almost anywhere

Have questions? We are here to help. Contact us at 215-627-6434 ext. 109.