

How to Start a House Church!

Congratulations! You're on your way to starting a House Church! Here's a simple guide that details everything you need to know about starting your own House Church.

House Church Roles:

A **House Church Leader** has:

1. A room or space that can accommodate the number of people anticipated.
2. The willingness to host a weekly gathering.
3. A dedication to contact/follow up with people who miss service or have needs.
4. A commitment to play the role of a steward of God's church, and not an owner.
5. A commitment to hold Scripture as the ultimate authority, pointing people back to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit and not to opinion or theory.
6. A commitment to continually grow in your own spiritual walk.
7. A desire to be fruitful and a commitment to multiply.

Ultimately, **you are a shepherd!** Though there are administrative responsibilities, you are being entrusted by the Lord to help care for His sheep.

You will want to train up additional leaders – with the hope of eventually multiplying and sending out leaders to plant their own house churches!

A **House Church Co-Leader**: shares the responsibility of leading the church and is able to take on any pastoral and leadership responsibilities as needed. Many times, this role is fulfilled by a spouse.

Other roles you may want to recruit are:

1. Host(s)
2. Worship Leader(s)
3. Greeter(s)
4. Administrator(s)

House Church Service Outline + Explanation:

Times are suggested and vary.

1. Watch Network Video – This video is an apostolic greeting from your Network Leaders, that include announcements and an opportunity to give to your network through the Jesus Disciple web-app.

2. Loving Accountability (5 min.) – Questions can include “What did you hear from Jesus this week?” and “Did you share your story or the gospel this week?”

3. Worship and Communion (10 min.) – Leading your church to give thanks, individually or corporately, as well as lifting your voices in praise and worship. Plus, communion at least monthly.

4. Pray for One Another (5 min.) – Invite the church to share needs and pray for one another, allowing the Holy Spirit to minister through you.

5. Bible Study and Response - Video (30 min.) – With both text and combination studies available, you can choose any study that best suits your House Church, or even engage in a Jesus Disciple Territory as a House Church. Of course, you may also teach live using any Jesus Disciple study content or teach straight from a Bible text.

6. Prayer for Evangelism and Multiplication (5 min.) – You are training your House Church members to pray, and are leading them to boldly pray for laborers, souls, and multiplication.

Prepare to Launch:

1. Prepare your Heart (PRAY!)
2. Prepare your Space (Arrange the space and consider all 5 senses)
3. Create both your profile and your House Church in Jesus Disciple web-app. ([Click here to create a profile.](#))
4. Prepare the People (Invite and Remind)
 - If they decide to regularly attend your House Church, send them your church's "invite new members" link.
5. Prepare the Service (Worship, Communion, and Study)

Resources Available for House Church Leaders:

1. Weekly House Church Videos
2. Monthly House Church Leader Zoom Calls
3. The Jesus Disciple web-app
4. Advanced Ministry Training Available Through the Solid Lives Training Center
5. Baptism Resources

Next Steps:

Register your House Church, create your profile in Jesus Disciple and review the orientation module.