

SOLOMON'S PORCH SINGAPORE
HOUSE CHURCH 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. BE WILLING TO SHARE

Come to meetings with a readiness to share. Your experience in House Church depends on sharing. You never know how much something you share may help another. On some occasions, you may not want to share, and that's okay. We value everyone's thoughts & insights. However, if you did not complete the lesson for the week and/or if you did not listen to the sermon, then out of courtesy, please let others who have done so speak first.

2. RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY

A promise of confidentiality is asked & expected of each HC member. Everyone should feel safe to share. Unless otherwise specified, assume that all discussions are not to be shared - keep it in-house.

3. SPEAK WITH RESPECT & CHARITY

Listen to others without interrupting. Don't ridicule or dismiss what others say. Everyone's experiences with the study materials & questions are valid. If you do disagree, do so respectfully and charitably.

4. THOU SHALT NOT DOMINATE DISCUSSIONS

Be sensitive of lecturing or 'advising', especially when unsolicited. When someone shares something personal, it is not an opportunity to tell them what they're doing wrong or how they should be doing it. Be self-aware & do not dominate time.

5. STICK TO THE TOPIC & QUESTIONS AT HAND

Try to determine if your question is related to the study material or theme. If you have something off-topic, then do so after House Church with your leader - or time permitting, at the end of the discussion.

6. HONOUR YOUR HOUSE CHURCH LEADER

All our House Church leaders have been appointed prayerfully over time and in submission to the Lord's leading. Trust God that your House Church leaders have been appointed to care over you for a season in your life by the Holy Spirit's leading - not because they have more scriptural knowledge, not because they have more faith experiences. Simply because God has called them & they have stepped out in faith & obedience to serve as your house church leader. Trust and honour God by supporting and submitting to their leadership for this season in your life. Look for ways you can cover them rather than trying to expose them. Love on them. Leading a house church takes all the love and encouragement they can get.

7. HELP CARRY THE LOAD

Look for opportunities where you can serve your house church family. Offer to help out your House Church leaders wherever possible and bring joy to their hearts. Your HC leaders are primarily there to care for you spiritually as shepherds. (ie teaching, prayer, guidance). Please help by volunteering for delegated responsibilities. (i.e. worship rotation, dinner rotations, ice breaker rotation, activities).

Members from HC will be asked to facilitate rosters. Who leads worship, who brings dinner, and who will lead the icebreaker. These are all valuable contributions to the community that will help you and your HC to grow.

Be ready to serve.

8. HONOUR THE HOSTS' HOME

Be respectful of time and cleanliness. Say a prayer of blessing over the host and their home and family every chance you get from opening meal prayer to ending discussion prayer. Bless them for being a blessing.

9. BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Be sensitive in prayer for God's moving in the group or individual. Sometimes God may lead your HC leader to stop the discussion at any point to just pray and minister to an individual. Oftentimes this has led to some of the most powerful encounters we've shared as a House Church family. God seems to come in such power & presence when someone opens up and shares vulnerably. There is a love & trust present in the group with one another which allows the Holy Spirit to make His home in the very center of our meetings.

10. COMMIT TO GOD & TO YOUR HOUSE CHURCH & TO SUNDAY SERVICES

Your house church family & your commitment to it is vital for your spiritual growth. Take time to pray before God & consider the cost (and benefit) of making a commitment to your spiritual family.

Just as eating together as a family regularly is vital to a family's health & relational intimacy, so is meeting with your House Church every week. God doesn't take a break during the month to work in your life & the devil doesn't take a break from messing with your life!

Therefore, we need to be in fellowship with one another to celebrate God's blessings, and also cover each other during rough patches by consistently walking with each other. We are doing life on life - and it's awesome! We are committed to walking before God & one another as a community like the early first-century church who met in temple worship corporately and also in their homes where they broke bread, worshiped & prayed.

In the same way, commit to attending the weekly Sunday Worship Service. Our house churches are an integral part of the greater church-wide body. We are one and worship together as one. It is important that you connect with the greater body and with the Lead Pastor. Much of the vision and direction of the church comes from the messages shared in corporate worship on Sundays.

We welcome you to the body of Christ here at Solomon's Porch. We believe God has brought you to us in this season. We are honoured and blessed to have you.

MY COMMITMENT:

Please pray about making this commitment (or recommitment) to join our HC today. In doing so, you are committing to be a part of this family, and to make a contribution to not only your growth but the growth of your church as well.
