



# Best Practices For Your House Church

Here are 3 important filters to think through to host a successful House Church.

## | PEOPLE |

Who are you inviting? Every decision for your House Church should be filtered first through the people you are trying to reach, invite, and include in your House Church.

What are their names?

Do they have kids who will be here?

What is the nature of our friendship and can I create a natural affinity?

Remember that according to the state of California guidelines, House Churches are limited to 25 people gathering in person (including kids).

This is more than simply gathering together with other people from Restoration Church, although certainly start there, but be open to how the Holy Spirit will prompt you to invite friends who don't already attend Restoration Church, but would be open to coming over to your house.

## | PLACE |

After you identify people to invite, you need to think through the *place*. Knowing the people, where's the best place to host? Your living room? Your driveway? The backyard? On the patio while grilling? In common space in your apartment complex?

What is the natural and/or neutral ground to watch the Gathering and connect together?

Be willing to give up your home court advantage.

Do I have chairs?

How can I make people comfortable (think party)?

Do I have appropriate Tech to watch and listen (whether TV, or Laptop, or Projector)?\*

## | PLAY |

Once the people invite list is made, and a place is established, consider your House Church experience...meaning how much of the gathering will we watch. This again, is based on the people first.



We will have two options available for download on Saturday morning before the gathering happens online on Sunday at 10.00a.

1. Full service. This includes the Hosting, Worship, and Message. Consider this if your relationships with the people you invite are *very strong* and/or involve other Restoration Church people.
2. Message Only. This is simply the stand alone 30 min. message. Consider this if this is their first “church experience” or you are doing a more streamlined experience, like a lunch break experience, etc.

Pick one above, download it, and hit Play **BEFORE** the people come over... This way you can have the file downloaded and not worry about the livestream for timing or quality.

Pro tip: Before you hit play with your friends, prepare the people for what you’ll watch and that you’ll debrief after. Each message will have a few discussion questions for your House Church to discuss after you watch if that is helpful... (Let the beverage refill and free flowing conversation resume here.)

#### A FEW OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKING:

- **Do I have to host my House Church every Sunday?**  
No! You can host one, or all four weeks, whichever works for you... But we think that you will enjoy it and want to keep it going!
- **Do I have to host my House Church on Sunday morning?**  
No! You can host your house church on whatever day, at whatever time you’d like. Remember the priority is your development and connecting with people. There is nothing sacred about Sunday morning.
- **What is expected of me as a House Church host?**  
Simply open your home and invite people to have church with you. Afterwards we ask that you send us the number of people in attendance, a picture, and one story of celebration or challenge that you experienced.
- **What happens if I get stuck?**  
We want to empower you to feel at ease as you host your House Church. We will have a House Church Host private Zoom call each Wednesday morning to celebrate, debrief, and share tips and tools to help develop you as you lead the people at your House Church! Plus our team is always here to help you in any way that we can!