

So, you are thinking of hosting a House Church

helpful hints to refine your hosting plan:

How often will you meet? Weekly, or every other week?

The blessings of a weekly meeting include increased familiarity with your House Church members, and sharing their/your burdens in prayer with those people. Galatians 6:2

However, sometimes a weekly meeting is just not practical for a household. Ask the Lord for wisdom to help you know how often to open your home. James 1:5

What will the food/beverage situation look like?

Acts 2:46

In some House Church gatherings it is agreed-upon to meet after dinner, in which case the House Church members might rotate bringing a dessert/snack to share.

Perhaps coffee and tea are provided in the evening. Think about having a sign-up for someone to arrive early to make the coffee or tea.

Or, some house churches have a sign up for soup/meal rotations.

We have found that when food is provided for families, it can be a blessing to arrive and share a weekly meal experience, rather than getting everyone hurriedly fed and out the door on time.

Each member of the House Church will take turns bringing a soup/meal to the Host house, with others signing up to bring bread, and some to bring dessert. (The good thing about soup, is that you just have to add extra broth to make more 😊)

Consider having sign-ups for House Church members to provide disposable cups, bowls, plates, napkins, cutlery etc.

Remember, people love to help! Let them.

Are children welcome?

If your house church intends to welcome families with children, you will set the tone for how the children are welcomed. Matthew 19:14

Consider what their involvement will be:

Will they be relegated to a certain part of the home? Will they be free to come and go in the meeting?

Will you have someone to provide childcare? (rotating child care among house church members?)

Will it be a time of free play?

Will there be a weekly bible lesson for the children?

Many different house churches have many different models. Ask the Lord to show you what would work best for your house church gathering, and consider talking to a seasoned House Church Host on what their model looks like and how it works.

MATERIALS NEEDED

A meeting location.

People.

It really can start out that simply. Perhaps you sign up to host, and refine as you learn the needs of your group.

Sunny days you can meet outside and sit on the grass.

Perhaps you need people to bring folding chairs for more seating for your hosting situation.

As you go forward and learn more about your House Church group, and the needs of hosting, ask the Lord for a tender and humble heart, as you let your House Church members participate in providing the needs of your house.

1 Timothy 5:10

“...showing hospitality, washing the feet of God’s people...”