

ChurchHouse Starter Kit

**Your Complete Guide to Launching a
Spirit-Led Community**

Presence Driven ChurchHouse - Where Your House Becomes His Temple

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PART 1: FOUNDATION

Chapter 1: Is God Calling You to Start a ChurchHouse?

The Heart Check

Before diving into the practical aspects, it's crucial to examine your heart and calling. ChurchHouse leadership isn't just about organizing meetings—it's about shepherding souls and creating family.

Ask Yourself These Questions:

- Do I feel genuinely called to pastor and care for people?
- Am I willing to open my life and home to others?
- Do I have a burden for an authentic, biblical community?
- Am I prepared for the messiness of real relationships?
- Do I believe God can use my home as a sanctuary?

Signs of House Church Calling

✓ **Burden for Community:** You feel deeply that church should be more than Sunday attendance ✓ **Hospitality Heart:** You naturally welcome people into your space and life ✓ **Shepherd's Heart:** You care about people's spiritual growth and life struggles ✓ **Vision for Multiplication:** You see potential house churches throughout your community ✓ **Dissatisfaction with Status Quo:** Traditional church models feel insufficient for real discipleship ✓ **Family Support:** Your spouse and family embrace this vision

Common Misconceptions to Avoid

✗ "ChurchHouse is easier than traditional church" ✗ "I can do this without proper preparation or training" ✗ "It's just a small group that meets at home" ✗ "I don't need accountability or oversight" ✗ "ChurchHouse is anti-traditional church"

Prayer Guide for Discernment

Week 1: Pray for clarity about God's calling on your life **Week 2:** Seek counsel from mature believers and current pastors **Week 3:** Pray for your family's unity and support **Week 4:** Ask God to reveal the people He wants in your house church

Chapter 2: Biblical Foundation for Church Houses

Scripture Foundation

Churches aren't a new concept—they're the original New Testament model. Understanding this biblical foundation gives confidence and direction.

Key Passages:

- **Acts 2:42-47:** "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."
- **Acts 5:42:** "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."
- **Romans 16:5:** "Greet also the church that meets at their house."
- **1 Corinthians 16:19:** "Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house."
- **Colossians 4:15:** "Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house."

New Testament Church Characteristics

1. **Met in Homes:** Regular gathering in household settings
2. **Participatory Worship:** Everyone contributed (1 Cor 14:26)
3. **Shared Meals:** Fellowship around food was central
4. **Life-on-Life Discipleship:** Daily interaction and growth
5. **Mutual Care:** Bearing one another's burdens practically
6. **Multiplication:** New churches started regularly

Theological Foundation

The Church is People, Not Buildings

- Ekklesia = "called out ones," not a structure
- Believers are the temple of the Holy Spirit
- Christ is present where two or three gather

Priesthood of All Believers

- Every member has gifts to contribute
 - Ministry isn't limited to "professional" clergy
 - Spiritual growth happens through body life
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Chapter 3: Vision Casting & Core Values

Crafting Your ChurchHouse Vision

PD ChurchHouse Vision Statement: “To build people while the Holy Spirit builds the Church.

Sample: "To create an authentic Christian community where families grow together in faith, everyone's voice matters, and Christ's love transforms ordinary homes into sanctuaries of hope and healing."

Your Vision Worksheet:

1. What burden do you have for your community?
2. What type of people is God calling you to reach?
3. What would success look like in 3 years?
4. How do you envision this house church impacting your neighborhood?

Core Values Framework

1. AUTHENTICITY

- Come as you are, grow as you go
- No masks, no pretending
- Real struggles welcomed
- Honest questions encouraged

2. PARTICIPATION

- Every voice matters
- Everyone has gifts to contribute
- Interactive worship and learning
- Shared leadership development

3. FAMILY

- Intergenerational community
- Children fully included
- Life-on-life relationships
- Mutual care and support

4. SPIRIT-LED

- Flexible to Holy Spirit's leading
- Prayer-centered decisions
- Prophetic community
- Supernatural expectation

5. MULTIPLICATION

- Raise up new leaders
- Plant new ChurchHouse's (house churches)
- Kingdom expansion focus
- Generational vision

Creating Your House Church DNA

Write a one-page description that includes:

- Your calling story
 - Core values
 - Meeting rhythm
 - Community expectations
 - Growth and multiplication vision
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PART 2: PREPARATION

Chapter 4: Personal Preparation & Leadership Development

Spiritual Preparation

Prayer & Fasting

- Commit to 30 days of prayer before launching
- Fast for clarity and spiritual breakthrough
- Pray for the people God wants to reach
- Seek prophetic insight about your house church

Personal Character Development

- Humility: You're a servant, not a CEO
- Patience: People grow at different rates
- Perseverance: Challenges will come
- Faith: God will provide and guide
- Love: Must be your primary motivation

Biblical Knowledge

- Develop basic teaching ability
- Study church leadership passages (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1)
- Understand spiritual gifts and how they function
- Learn pastoral care principles

Leadership Skills Development

Essential Skills for ChurchHouse Leaders:

1. **Facilitation:** Guiding group discussions and worship
2. **Pastoral Care:** Listening, counseling, prayer
3. **Teaching:** Making Scripture accessible and applicable
4. **Conflict Resolution:** Handling disagreements with grace
5. **Vision Casting:** Helping others catch God's heart
6. **Administration:** Basic organization and planning

Training Resources:

- ChurchHouse Leadership Course (Presence Driven)
- Leadership books (see resource list)
- Mentorship with experienced pastor
- Practice leading small groups first

Family Preparation

Getting Your Household on Board

- Family meetings to discuss vision and commitment
- Address concerns and fears honestly
- Establish boundaries for family privacy
- Plan for children's involvement and needs
- Discuss schedule and lifestyle changes

Preparing Your Home

- Create flexible, welcoming space
 - Consider furniture arrangements
 - Plan for children's areas
 - Organize any needed supplies
 - Make your home a sanctuary
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Chapter 5: Finding Your Core Team

Identifying Core Team Members

Your core team consists of 3-6 people who share your vision and will help launch the house church. They're not just attendees—they're co-laborers in ministry.

Core Team Qualities:

- Shares your vision for house church
- Demonstrates spiritual maturity
- Willing to commit time and energy
- Has complementary gifts
- Exhibits servant heart
- Can invite others naturally

Core Team Roles:

- **Worship Leader:** Facilitates music and worship
- **Children's Coordinator:** Manages kids' activities
- **Hospitality Coordinator:** Organizes meals and welcome
- **Prayer Coordinator:** Leads prayer times and requests
- **Outreach Coordinator:** Focuses on inviting new people

Building Your Core Team

Step 1: Pray for Specific People Ask God to reveal who should be part of your core team. Often, He'll bring specific names to mind.

Step 2: Share the Vision Have individual conversations with potential core team members. Share your heart, vision, and calling.

Step 3: Invite Commitment Ask them to pray about joining your core team for at least the first year of launch.

Step 4: Core Team Covenant Create a simple agreement outlining expectations, commitments, and vision.

Core Team Development

Monthly Core Team Meetings

- Vision reinforcement and planning
- Skill development and training
- Prayer for house church members
- Problem-solving and strategizing

Core Team Training Topics:

- ChurchHouse philosophy and vision
 - Leading worship in small settings
 - Facilitating discussion and prayer
 - Pastoral care basics
 - Conflict resolution
 - Evangelism and invitation
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Chapter 6: Location & Logistics

Choosing Your Meeting Location

Primary Location Options:

1. **Your Home:** Most common and personal
2. **Core Team Member's Home:** Shares ownership
3. **Rotating Homes:** Builds community ownership
4. **Community Center:** Neutral space option
5. **Rented Space:** Church plants or temporary needs

Home Setup Considerations:

- **Seating:** Comfortable for 15-25 people
- **Children's Space:** Safe area for kids to play
- **Parking:** Adequate street or driveway parking
- **Bathrooms:** Accessible and clean
- **Kitchen Access:** For fellowship meals
- **Sound:** Minimize distractions from neighbors

Schedule & Rhythm

Weekly Gathering Options:

- **Sunday Morning:** Traditional church time
- **Sunday Evening:** Family dinner approach
- **Weeknight:** Fits working schedules
- **Saturday:** Weekend family time

Sample Schedule (2.5 hours):

4:00 PM - Arrival & Fellowship
4:30 PM - Worship & Prayer
5:00 PM - Teaching & Discussion
5:45 PM - Community Meal
6:30 PM - Departure/Extended Fellowship

Additional Rhythms:

- **Monthly:** Special events, service projects
- **Quarterly:** Retreats, training intensives
- **Annually:** Vision casting, leadership development

Practical Logistics**Essential Supplies:**

- Bibles (various translations)
- Hymnals or song sheets
- Guitar/keyboard for worship
- Sound system (if needed)
- Children's materials and toys
- First aid kit
- Guest information cards

Food & Fellowship:

- Potluck meals work best initially
- Assign meal coordination to hospitality team
- Consider dietary restrictions
- Keep meals simple but intentional
- Use shared meals for relationship building

Communication Systems:

- Group text or messaging app
 - Email list for announcements
 - Private Facebook group
 - Contact information database
 - Prayer request system
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PART 3: LAUNCH

Chapter 7: Your First 90 Days

Pre-Launch Phase (30 days before)

Week 1-2: Core Team Intensive

- Finalize vision and values
- Complete core team training
- Assign roles and responsibilities
- Plan first month of gatherings

Week 3-4: Soft Launch Preparation

- Invite 3-5 families for soft launch
- Prepare your space
- Practice worship and teaching
- Plan first month's meals

Soft Launch Phase (First Month)

Purpose: Work out logistics with safe, committed people before public launch

Week 1: Focus on worship and fellowship **Week 2:** Add teaching component **Week 3:** Include children's activities **Week 4:** Practice full service flow

Key Goals:

- Test your space and logistics
- Practice your roles
- Get feedback and adjust
- Build confidence
- Refine your approach

Public Launch Phase (Month 2)

Launch Event Ideas:

- "Come and See" Sunday with special meal
- Community service project followed by gathering
- Neighborhood BBQ with house church introduction
- Open house with worship and testimonies

Invitation Strategy:

- Core team each invites 2-3 families
- Social media announcement
- Neighborhood flyers
- Word-of-mouth referrals
- Connection through existing relationships

Establishment Phase (Month 3)**Focus Areas:**

- Consistent attendance patterns
- Leadership development
- Community building
- Outreach and growth
- Systems refinement

Monthly Evaluation Questions:

- What's working well?
 - What needs adjustment?
 - How are people growing spiritually?
 - What leadership is emerging?
 - How can we improve the community?
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Chapter 8: Service Structure & Flow

Flexible Service Framework

Unlike traditional church with fixed liturgy, ChurchHouse flows organically while maintaining essential elements.

Core Elements (Include Every Week):

1. **Welcome & Fellowship** (15-20 minutes)
2. **Worship** (30-60 minutes)
3. **Prayer** (30 minutes)
4. **Teaching/Discussion** (30-60 minutes)
5. **Community Time** (30+ minutes)

Sample Service Flows

OPTION 1: Traditional Flow

6:00 PM - Welcome & Snacks
6:15 PM - Worship (3-4 songs)
6:45 PM - Community Prayer
7:00 PM - Teaching & Discussion
7:45 PM - Shared Meal
8:30 PM - Informal Fellowship
9:00 PM - Departure

OPTION 2: Meal-Centered Flow

5:00 PM - Arrival & Meal Setup
5:30 PM - Community Dinner
6:15 PM - Worship & Prayer
6:45 PM - Teaching & Discussion
7:30 PM - Cleanup & Fellowship
8:00 PM - Departure

OPTION 3: Family-Focused Flow

4:00 PM - Family Arrival Time
4:15 PM - Children & Adult Activities
5:00 PM - All-Age Worship
5:30 PM - Adult Teaching/Children's Program
6:15 PM - Family Meal Together
7:00 PM - Extended Fellowship
7:30 PM - Departure

Worship in ChurchHouse Settings

Music Options:

- Acoustic guitar with singing
- Piano/keyboard worship
- A cappella singing
- Recorded music with participation
- Simple percussion instruments

Worship Elements:

- Scripture reading
- Prayer and thanksgiving
- Testimony sharing
- Prophetic words
- Communion (monthly/quarterly)

Making Worship Participatory:

- Invite song requests
- Encourage spontaneous prayer
- Share Scripture verses
- Testimonies and praise reports
- Prophetic ministry time

Teaching & Discussion Format

Interactive Teaching Principles:

- Ask questions throughout
- Encourage discussion and application
- Use real-life examples
- Allow for different perspectives
- Focus on life change, not just information

Teaching Topics by Month: Month 1: Getting to Know Jesus **Month 2:** Life in Community
Month 3: Spiritual Gifts **Month 4:** Prayer and Faith **Month 5:** Family and Relationships **Month 6:** Mission and Evangelism

Chapter 9: Building Authentic Community

Community Building Principles

Authenticity Over Performance

- Create safe space for real struggles
- Model vulnerability from leadership
- Encourage questions and doubts
- Celebrate progress, not perfection

Participation Over Observation

- Everyone has something to contribute
- Rotate leadership responsibilities
- Include children meaningfully
- Value different personalities and gifts

Relationships Over Programs

- Priority on knowing each other deeply
- Life-on-life ministry approach
- Shared experiences beyond Sunday
- Mutual care and support

Practical Community Building

Getting to Know Each Other:

- Personal testimony sharing
- Family background stories
- Spiritual journey discussions
- Dreams and vision sharing
- Strength and gift identification

Deepening Relationships:

- Small group Bible studies
- One-on-one discipleship
- Family-to-family friendships
- Shared service projects
- Recreation and fun activities

Caring for One Another:

- Prayer request systems
- Practical help coordination
- Crisis response teams
- Celebration of milestones
- Conflict resolution processes

Including Children Effectively**All-Family Worship:**

- Choose songs children can learn
- Include children in prayer
- Use age-appropriate object lessons
- Encourage children's participation

Children's Activities:

- Age-appropriate Bible stories
- Crafts that connect to teaching
- Games that build community
- Service projects for families

Family Integration:

- Parents and children worship together
- Multi-generational relationships
- Children learning from adults
- Parents modeling faith

Monthly Community Events**Ideas for Special Gatherings:**

- Service projects in community
 - Family game nights
 - Outdoor activities and picnics
 - Holiday celebrations
 - Birthday and anniversary parties
 - Movie nights with discussion
 - Skill-sharing workshops
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PART 4: GROWTH

Chapter 10: Pastoral Care & Discipleship

Pastoral Care in ChurchHouse

As a **ChurchHouse** leader, you're not just organizing meetings—you're shepherding souls. This requires intentional care for each person's spiritual growth and life challenges.

Core Pastoral Responsibilities:

- Spiritual guidance and counseling
- Prayer support and intercession
- Teaching and discipleship
- Conflict resolution
- Crisis intervention
- Leadership development

Discipleship Framework

1-on-1 Discipleship Meetings:

- Monthly personal meetings with core members
- Prayer, Bible study, and life application
- Accountability and encouragement
- Skill development and ministry training
- Leadership pipeline development

Small Group Discipleship:

- Men's and women's groups
- Age-specific gatherings
- Skill-based training groups
- Service team development
- Accountability partnerships

Whole Community Discipleship:

- Teaching series on spiritual growth
- Community service projects
- Shared spiritual disciplines
- Group Bible reading plans
- Corporate prayer and fasting

Handling Life Challenges

Common ChurchHouse Pastoral Situations:

- Marriage and relationship conflicts
- Parenting challenges
- Financial difficulties
- Health crises
- Job loss or career transitions
- Spiritual dryness or doubt
- Grief and loss

Pastoral Care Principles:

- Listen before offering advice
- Pray with people, not just for them
- Offer practical help alongside spiritual support
- Connect people with appropriate resources
- Maintain confidentiality
- Know when to refer to professionals

Developing Other Leaders

Leadership Identification:

- Look for faithful servants
- Notice natural influencers
- Identify those who care for others
- Watch for teachable spirits
- Observe conflict resolution skills

Leadership Development Process:

1. **Invitation:** Call out leadership potential
 2. **Training:** Provide skills and knowledge
 3. **Mentoring:** Walk alongside in ministry
 4. **Deployment:** Give real responsibility
 5. **Multiplication:** Help them develop others
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Chapter 11: Handling Challenges

Common ChurchHouse Challenges

Challenge 1: Irregular Attendance *Symptoms:* People come sporadically, hard to plan
Solutions:

- Communicate clear expectations
- Follow up with absent members
- Create meaningful community connections
- Address underlying issues personally

Challenge 2: Personality Conflicts *Symptoms:* Tension between members, avoiding each other
Solutions:

- Address issues quickly and directly
- Facilitate reconciliation conversations
- Teach biblical conflict resolution
- Sometimes people need to find different communities

Challenge 3: Lack of Growth *Symptoms:* Same people every week, no new visitors
Solutions:

- Evaluate your invitation culture
- Plan special outreach events
- Train members in natural evangelism
- Consider if location or timing needs adjustment

Challenge 4: Leadership Burnout *Symptoms:* Core team fatigue, decreasing enthusiasm
Solutions:

- Distribute responsibilities more evenly
- Take regular sabbaths and breaks
- Provide encouragement and support
- Develop new leaders to share the load

Challenge 5: Spiritual Plateau *Symptoms:* Stagnant spiritual growth, routine feeling
Solutions:

- Inject fresh vision and challenge
- Bring in guest speakers or teachers
- Try new worship or ministry expressions
- Focus on outreach and service

Conflict Resolution Process

Step 1: Prayer and Self-Examination

- Pray for wisdom and God's heart
- Examine your own motives and actions
- Seek God's perspective on the situation

Step 2: Private Conversation

- Approach the person directly (Matthew 18:15)
- Listen to understand, not to win
- Focus on behavior, not character
- Seek resolution and restoration

Step 3: Mediated Discussion

- Bring in neutral core team member (Matthew 18:16)
- Facilitate honest communication
- Work toward mutual understanding
- Establish clear expectations going forward

Step 4: Community Involvement

- If necessary, involve broader ChurchHouse (Matthew 18:17)
- Focus on restoration, not punishment
- Sometimes requires someone to find new community

When to Seek Outside Help

Counseling Referrals:

- Marriage crises beyond your expertise
- Mental health issues requiring professional care
- Addiction problems needing specialized treatment
- Trauma requiring therapeutic intervention

Pastoral Consultation:

- Complex theological questions
 - Difficult leadership decisions
 - Church discipline situations
 - Multiplication and planting guidance
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Chapter 12: Multiplication & Church Planting

The Multiplication Mindset

Healthy **ChurchHouses** don't just grow—they multiply. From the beginning, plant the vision for raising up new leaders and starting new communities.

Multiplication Principles:

- Success is measured by leaders developed, not just attendance
- Every member is a potential ChurchHouse leader
- Growth leads to planting, not just bigger meetings
- Kingdom expansion is the ultimate goal

Signs You're Ready to Multiply

✓ **Attendance:** Consistently 20+ people ✓ **Leadership:** 2-3 people ready to lead their own groups ✓ **Maturity:** Core members can disciple others ✓ **Resources:** Financial and practical ability to support plants ✓ **Vision:** Clear sense of God's calling to expand ✓ **Health:** Existing community is spiritually thriving

Multiplication Models

Model 1: Planting with Core Team Member

- Identify and train emerging leader
- Send them with 3-4 families to start new location
- Provide ongoing support and mentorship
- Maintain relationship and connection

Model 2: Geographic Expansion

- Start new ChurchHouse in different neighborhood
- Recruit new families from that area
- Share leadership and resources initially
- Develop local leadership gradually

Model 3: Demographic Focus

- Plant a **ChurchHouse** for a specific group (young families, seniors, etc.)
- Tailor approach to their unique needs
- Use existing relationships to build community
- Develop culturally relevant ministry

Planting Process

Phase 1: Vision and Planning (3 months)

- Pray for clear direction and location
- Identify and train church planting leader
- Develop core team for new plant
- Plan launch strategy and timeline

Phase 2: Core Team Development (3 months)

- Weekly training and preparation
- Relationship building among core team
- Skill development and role assignment
- Soft launch with core families

Phase 3: Community Launch (3 months)

- Public launch and invitation
- Establish regular meeting rhythm
- Build community and discipleship
- Ongoing support from mother church

Phase 4: Establishment (6 months)

- Independent leadership and decision-making
- Self-sustaining community
- Their own multiplication vision
- Ongoing network relationship

Supporting Church Plants

Practical Support:

- Financial assistance for initial expenses
- Loaning supplies and resources
- Providing childcare for training
- Sharing teaching materials and curricula

Ongoing Relationship:

- Monthly plant leader meetings
- Quarterly network gatherings
- Annual training retreats
- Crisis support and consultation

Network Development:

- Connection between all house churches
 - Shared vision and values
 - Resource sharing and collaboration
 - Combined outreach and service projects
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PART 5: RESOURCES

Chapter 13: Practical Tools & Templates

ChurchHouse Covenant Template

OUR HOUSE CHURCH COVENANT

As members of [**ChurchHouse** Name], we commit to:

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- Prioritize weekly gathering attendance
- Participate authentically in worship and discussion
- Use our gifts to serve the community
- Invite others to experience our family

RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNITY

- Pursue authentic relationships with one another
- Practice forgiveness and grace in conflicts
- Support each other through life's challenges
- Maintain confidentiality and trust

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Pursue personal relationship with Jesus
- Engage in regular prayer and Bible study
- Be open to correction and accountability
- Contribute to others' spiritual development

MISSION & MULTIPLICATION

- Share our faith naturally with others
- Serve our community with Christ's love
- Support church planting and multiplication
- Live as missionaries in our neighborhoods

Signed: _____ Date: _____

New Visitor Welcome Process

Before They Arrive:

- Phone call from core team member
- Clear directions and parking info
- What to expect explanation
- Answer any questions or concerns

When They Arrive:

- Warm greeting at the door
- Introduction to host family
- Overview of the gathering
- Connection with someone similar

During the Gathering:

- Include them naturally in activities
- No pressure to participate beyond comfort
- Share your story during appropriate times
- Invite questions about ChurchHouse

Follow-Up Within 48 Hours:

- Personal phone call or text
- Thank them for coming
- Answer any additional questions
- Invite them to return
- Connect on social media if appropriate

Prayer Request System

Weekly Prayer Collection:

- Simple card or digital form
- Categories: Personal, Family, Community, World
- Confidentiality levels: Share freely, Core team only, Leaders only
- Update frequency: Weekly check-ins

Prayer Ministry Structure:

- Designated prayer coordinator
- Weekly prayer list distribution
- Emergency prayer chain for crises
- Monthly prayer focus areas
- Quarterly prayer and fasting

Service Project Planning Template

Project Selection Criteria:

- Serves genuine community need
- Suitable for families with children
- Builds team relationships
- Demonstrates Christ's love
- Within our capabilities and resources

Planning Checklist: ☐ Project date and time confirmed ☐ Transportation arranged ☐ Supplies and tools gathered ☐ Participants signed up ☐ Contact person at service location ☐ Safety considerations addressed ☐ Follow-up and relationship building planned

Chapter 14: Recommended Reading & Training

Essential Reading List

House Church Foundation:

- "The Church Comes Home" by Robert Banks
- "Houses That Change the World" by Wolfgang Simson
- "The Global House Church Movement" by Rad Zdero
- "Getting to 30: How House Churches Can Multiply" by Andrew Mason

Leadership Development:

- "The Making of a Leader" by Robert Clinton
- "Spiritual Leadership" by J. Oswald Sanders
- "The Leadership Challenge" by Kouzes and Posner
- "Developing the Leader Within You" by John Maxwell

Community Building:

- "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- "The Different Drum" by M. Scott Peck
- "Community: The Structure of Belonging" by Peter Block
- "Beloved Community" by Charles Marsh

Pastoral Care:

- "The Wounded Healer" by Henri Nouwen
- "People Helpers" by Gary Collins
- "Caring for People God's Way" by Tim Clinton
- "The Pastor as Counselor" by Wayne Mack

Online Training Resources

Presence Driven House Church Leadership Course

- Online training program
- Weekly video lessons with Pastor Derick Thomas
- Interactive workbook and assignments
- Monthly group video calls
- Certificate of completion
- Ongoing mentorship access

Free Online Resources:

- House Church Central (housechurchcentral.com)
- Simple Church Movement resources
- Missional Communities materials
- Church Planting Networks training

Conferences and Events**Annual House Church Conference** (Presence Driven)

- Three-day intensive training
- Workshops on practical house church topics
- Networking with other house church leaders
- Worship and spiritual renewal
- Resource marketplace

Regional Training Events:

- Monthly ChurchHouse leader gatherings
 - Quarterly skill-building workshops
 - Annual vision and planning retreat
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Chapter 15: Connection with Presence Driven Network

Why Connect with Our Network?

Starting a ChurchHouse can feel isolating, but you're not alone. The Presence Driven network provides ongoing support, resources, and community for ChurchHouse leaders.

Network Benefits:

- Ongoing mentorship and coaching
- Resource sharing and collaboration
- Emergency support during crises
- Leadership development opportunities
- Connection with like-minded leaders
- Access to proven systems and materials

Network Membership Process

Step 1: Complete ChurchHouse Leadership Course All network leaders complete our 12-week training program to ensure theological alignment and practical preparation.

Step 2: Mentorship Period Six months of regular check-ins with an experienced ChurchHouse leader for guidance and support.

Step 3: Network Integration Formal introduction to the network with access to all resources and relationships.

Step 4: Ongoing Participation Regular participation in network events, training, and mutual support.

Network Standards and Expectations

Theological Alignment:

- Biblical inerrancy and authority
- Trinity and historic Christian creeds
- Salvation by grace through faith
- Active spiritual gifts
- Church as community of believers

Ministry Standards:

- Spirit-led worship and ministry
- Participatory community life
- Leadership development focus
- Multiplication and church planting vision
- Authentic relationships and care

Ongoing Requirements:

- Annual house church health assessment
- Participation in network training events
- Multiplication planning and execution
- Financial support of network activities
- Accountability relationships with peers

How to Connect

Contact Information:

- **Pastor Derick Thomas:** derick@presencedriven.life
- **Phone:** 513-601-8362
- **Website:** www.presencedriven.life/network
- **Address:** 621 S Erie Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45011

Next Steps:

1. Complete the House Church Starter Kit
 2. Schedule a discovery call with Pastor Derick
 3. Visit an existing house church
 4. Enroll in leadership training course
 5. Begin your house church journey
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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Congratulations on taking this significant step toward ChurchHouse leadership! You're joining a movement that's returning to the New Testament model of authentic Christian community.

Remember:

- **God has called you** - Trust His leading and provision
- **Start small** - Faithful in little leads to faithful in much
- **Stay connected** - You need ongoing support and encouragement
- **Keep multiplying** - The goal is kingdom expansion, not personal empire
- **Enjoy the journey** - House church should be life-giving and joyful

Your Next Steps:

1. Complete the reflection questions throughout this guide
2. Begin 30 days of prayer for your house church vision
3. Schedule a call with Presence Driven for guidance
4. Start building your core team
5. Set a launch date and begin preparation

The harvest is plentiful, and God is raising up house church leaders throughout our region. We're excited to walk with you on this journey and see how God uses your home as His temple.

Blessings on your journey, Pastor Derick & Jill Thomas Presence Driven

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." - 1 Timothy 3:15

Appendix: Quick Reference Sheets

ChurchHouse Launch Checklist

☐ Confirmed calling and family support ☐ Core team identified and trained ☐ Meeting location prepared ☐ Service structure planned ☐ First month of gatherings outlined ☐ Invitation strategy developed ☐ Guest follow-up process established ☐ Community building activities planned ☐ Leadership development pathway created ☐ Multiplication vision cast

Emergency Contact List

Presence Driven Support:

- Pastor Derick Thomas: 419.464.8632
- Email: info@presencedriven.life

Network Resources:

- House Church Leader Facebook Group
- Monthly Network Calls: 2nd Monday, 7 PM
- Emergency Pastoral Support: 24/7 availability

Monthly ChurchHouse Health Check

Rate each area 1-10:

- Spiritual growth and discipleship
- Community relationships and care
- Worship and prayer life
- Leadership development
- Outreach and evangelism
- Conflict resolution
- Vision clarity and enthusiasm
- Multiplication planning

Areas needing attention:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Action steps this month:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

