

The House Church Book

Discussion Guide

1. In what ways might “church as we know it” today be preventing “church as God wants it”?
2. The church is designed to show God’s glory to the world. In what ways does traditional church do this well? In what ways is it lacking?
3. Biblical *koinonia* means fellowship, sharing, giving generously, and participating with someone. How does this term relate to the church?
4. Why should “going to church” not be considered a special event?
5. In what ways do house churches reflect family dynamics and relationships?
6. Why do you think that breaking bread—eating a meal—together plays such a key role in the church?
7. Why is it true that house churches are more resistant to persecution than traditional churches?
8. What advantages can you see in implementing the five-fold ministries in place of hierarchical leadership?
9. How is the house church different from a cell church?
10. What signs have you seen that indicate the church might be readying itself for a paradigm shift? In what ways might individuals help make this transition possible?
11. What “sacred cows” might be standing in the way of God’s movement in today’s society?
12. How do you see the concept of QSQ—quality-structure-quantity—playing out in the traditional church today? in the house church movement?
13. What are some common “rites of passage” for today’s young people? Why are these rites so important in the life of an individual? in the life of the church?
14. In what ways do you think house churches could benefit and grow in your community?