

# How to Form a House Church and When

by Edgar Reich

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*Edgar Reich discusses the importance of forming a house church when unable to receive the word of God in your own church and provides guidance on how to start and lead a house church.*

**Duration:** 5:04

**Scripture:** Matthew 18:20, Mark 16:17-18, Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 5:11-13, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Hebrews 10:25, Hebrews 13:16, James 1:27, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 4:1

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## Description

This sermon discusses the formation of house churches and the circumstances under which one should consider starting a house church, emphasizing the importance of being able to receive the word of God in a pure and faithful manner. It encourages believers to leave churches that tolerate open sin or teach against the word of God, and to seek or establish Bible-believing fellowships. The sermon also highlights the role of prayer, worship, studying the word of God, and fellowship in a house church setting, emphasizing the need to be led by the Holy Spirit and to guard against false teachings.

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## Transcript

Thank you for joining me again this afternoon. I would like to discuss how to form a house church and also when. When should we do such a thing? It is when you're not able to receive the word of God in your own church.

If they cannot deal with sin properly in your church and have open sin, permit open sin and accept open sin, you must leave this church. If there is teaching which is against the word of God, you must leave that fellowship and search for another fellowship nearby. Or alternatively, if you cannot find a Bible-believing fellowship, we ask you to consider and pray to God and ask the Lord if you are called to start a house church where you can teach the word of God.

So ask the Lord to show you clearly if you are called to start a house church. Then call up a few like-minded Christians and discuss with them what God has laid on your heart. If there are no like-minded Christians, then invite neighbors for coffee and dessert, witness to them and start a house fellowship in that manner.

Or contact others through social media and to find those that would like to meet under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Decide on a location and time to meet. You or someone else can be the facilitator to do

so.

Then be led by the Holy Spirit in the order of the service. Here are just some ideas, but be guided by the Holy Spirit. There would be prayer.

There would be worship, songs of worship. There would be study of the word of God with open questions, discussions, and interchange. Every one of you believers have been made a saint and a priest and king unto God himself.

Therefore, you can also discuss the word of God and what God has laid on your heart. Just to give you a few more ideas, there can be praying for needs and cleansing, testimonies, praying for others, praying for your leadership in your country, then sharing some food and perhaps sharing the Lord's supper with the believers. Again, the house church should receive direct instructions from the Holy Spirit under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, but be vigilant of any messages from evil forces as Satan can also come as an angel of light.

Do not accept anything that is against the word of God, for God will not contradict his own message. Also take the house churches in China or other parts of the world as an example and to help you. They are dependent on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and they are not perplexed or afraid when they see God work in their midst.

So there may well be signs and wonders following you if you truly follow the Lord. And then God is giving the house churches memory to retain the word. And we urge you to memorize as much of the word of God as you can, because when persecution comes, it will be difficult for us to perhaps have a Bible.

God may give you other gifts such as prophecy and other signs and wonders, because 80% of the house churches in China have Christians who were converted because of miracles, 80% of them. So do not be afraid when such wonderful things happen, because God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be deceived by false teachings.

And then let your gospel fellowship have a great burden for the lost. Testify to faith daily. Send missionaries.

Let your gospel fellowship have a burden for the needy, for orphans and for widows, and go and visit in jails. Let the gospel fellowship that you participate in have a passion to share what God has given you, including your money for missions and the poor, and most of all, this great and wonderful gospel he has given you to share with others. The Lord bless you.

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