

HOUSE CHURCH MEETING ASSESSMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: This assessment helps you identify areas in your house church gatherings that need development. Rate your responses between 1 to 5. "1" indicates it is not happening at all, and "5" indicates you have this one down pat. If you are not confident in your answer lean toward "1". Meet with your leadership team, along with your coach, to develop a plan to grow in your weak areas.

Organizational Leadership

We communicate details of our meeting & meal at least three days in advance.

We start on time. "On time" is defined by what time you tell new people you are starting.

We spend time in each meeting looking back, looking up, looking in, and looking ahead.

At least three people are involved in leading or executing elements of the meeting (i.e. hosting, communion, music, prayer, discussion, sharing stories, etc.).

We have a clear purpose and plan for each of our house church vehicles (i.e. discipleship groups, family meeting and meal, third space, etc.).

Hospitality

Everyone brings food and carries out the responsibilities of meal time, including set up and clean up.

A member of the leadership team meets with new people to explain the details of how your house church functions, the vision of Jesus saturation, discipleship groups and your specific mission.

New people are introduced to others.

The leadership team talks to multiple people during the meeting and asks questions.

Bible Discussion

Our discussions include how Jesus is better and our gospel identity in Jesus (family, servant, missionary).

Our discussions lead us to wrestle with unbelief, engage the heart and mind and push for life transformation.

Our discussions clearly walk us through who is God, what he has done, who we are, and what we do in light of who God is and what he has done.

Our discussions include effective launching questions.

Our discussions include at least one observation, interpretation, and application question.

Our discussions include effective follow-up questions.

Our house church discussions have free-flowing, honest and transparent sharing around life and the Word.

Looking Back

Leadership invites people to share how they are doing.

There is time spent in accountability (i.e. Following: How are you obeying the word?; Fishing: How is your witness, training, and training the trainer?)

There is honest reflection on one another's spiritual growth that isn't rooted in shame-inducing.

Looking Up

There is time dedicated to worship in every meeting (i.e. prayer, communion, singing, etc.).

The majority of the members participate in the worship wholeheartedly.

There is a reproducible discipleship lesson given or an inductive Bible discovery discussion.

There is observed evidence of self-feeding, and personal inductive Bible study happening among all the members.

We have regular communion celebrations that are meaningful and worshipful.

Our house church uses a variety of creative means to engage both the heart and mind in worship.

Looking In

Our house church members know, articulate and apply the gospel story regularly.

Our house church members are active participants in the Sunday Gatherings and other aspects of New Community.

Our house church members know and regularly use their gifts to serve one another and their neighbors.

Our house church members pray regularly and intentionally for each other outside the house church meetings.

Our house church members are actively engaged in sharing truth with one another, rebuking sinful behavior, correcting sinful behavior, and training one another in righteousness.

Looking Forward

Time is given to practice the lesson or skills being presented.

There is time given to goal setting, planning, and communicating what's next.

There is time given to announce upcoming opportunities, events, and reminders pertinent to the house church.

Mission

The house church has a clear mission that everyone understands and is committed to.

The leadership regularly casts the vision for the mission in meetings.

There is consistent evidence that members are displaying tangible acts of service with those around them.

There is regular evidence of people declaring the words of the gospel to those around them.

There is time given to prayer for the lost and your house church mission.