

THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY

*Gather as the church  
in your homes.*

# House CHURCH

## GUIDE

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## Meet as a House Church

A Christian church is not defined by a building - It is a gathering of people, large or small.

We want to lift the lid off where and how valid expressions of church exist. You can use our guides and resources to help you enjoy fruitful gatherings wherever you are.

There are a few crucial elements that make you part of our local church:

1. CONNECTION - You are known and loved by people who are also connected with us.
2. CULTIVATION - You are developing spiritually through the teaching & resources we provide.
3. CONTRIBUTION - Your gifts, time and resources combine with ours to advance God's kingdom.

If those elements are present, then you are part of our church! You may predominantly engage online, or in a remote location, but can still be part of our growing fellowship. As much as we love gathering together in a large group on Sunday - not everyone can do that.

### How does House Church work?

As the name implies, choose a suitable house (or public place) in which to gather people. If social distancing regulations exist, these must be adhered to and numbers restricted accordingly. You could also meet in an outdoor location.

Then follow this simple model:

1. Watch the online church content together. Links are at: [kenmore.church/live](https://kenmore.church/live).
2. While COVID restrictions apply - fill in a weekly [Participant Register](#).
3. Watch/read and discuss the added group content found at [kenmore.church/housechurch](https://kenmore.church/housechurch)
4. Pray together

## Do I need to be a bible scholar?

No. Simplicity is the key here. The questions and resources provided incite adequate and meaningful conversation, as well as the opportunity for life application.

## What are my options?

You can open your home to whoever might benefit from this type of environment.

You may already be part of a small-group who can use this model on Sunday or any other day.

You can invite family or friends from church, work, or your community. You can even invite those who are curious about Christianity and who wouldn't normally come to a large gathering.

You can mix locations and frequency. Or even form multiple groups that meet week about!

## Use the Discovery Bible Study option

Your context may require you to use the bible only for the discussion time - no problem!

The simple "Discovery" method is a proven and simple way for people to engage with scripture and share that with others. Discovery bible study simply involves reading a scripture passage together and answering some simple questions.

### Check-In

Begin by connecting with each other - hearing stories and establishing value. Sample question might be:

- What has God been doing in your life or showing you since we last meet?
- Do you have a story of something God has done in your life or the life of someone you know that you are thankful for?
- Has there been an answer to prayer or a breakthrough for you or someone you know?
- How did you put in practice the things we discovered last time we met?
- Who did you share what we discovered last time with?

### Discover

Select a passage of scripture to read together, perhaps twice - once individually, then again out loud together. Have someone re-tell the story in their own words. Sample follow-on questions might be:

- What word/phrase stood out to you?
- What did God highlight to you? What does this say about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?
- How do you relate to God through this?
- What is your take-away from this?
- How can you apply this in your life until we meet again?
- Who can you share what you have learnt today with?

### Pray together

Spend some time praying into each other's situation. Sample questions for this might be:

- In terms of what you have learnt in our discover time is there something in particular you would like prayer for?
- Is there a need in your life that we can pray together for? What are your challenges, struggles that you would like prayer?

## Resources options

Kenmore Church weekly content:

Go to [kenmore.church/housechurch](https://kenmore.church/housechurch)

Each week resources will be posted in

advance for you to use in your meeting to

help apply the message from that week.

Messages can be viewed live or watched later [on the website](#).

### The Bible

Use scripture itself combined with the

Discovery method at left to incite formation

and multiplication.

### Rightnow Media

Kenmore Church attendees get free access to the immense online library of video studies at

[Rightnow Media](#). Contact us at the church

office for detail on getting access.