

HOUSE CHURCH LEADERS SHEET

HOUSE CHURCH VISION

Through a community of people meeting in homes, we want to inspire, encourage, and empower everyone to function as the church through **prayer, worship, teaching, and ministry** moments - all in house church gatherings!

LEADERSHIP IN HOUSE CHURCHES

House churches are how every single person connected to Relentless can engage in community and grow in their walk with God. They are an opportunity to build friendships, express needs, share prayer requests and testimonies, and ask questions to gain better understanding of the word of God. In order to develop a great house culture, we have developed 2 roles in house churches - **Hosts & Leaders**. Below, you will find how to lead well in your role as a **leader!!**

HOUSE CHURCH **LEADERS**

House church leaders are responsible for the worship, prayer, and discipleship culture of House Churches. Leaders also identify and grow new leaders to eventually start more house churches! Below you will find how to lead House Churches and welcome the presence of God into homes and lives!

1. Prepare for Discussion - We do not provide Q&A's in House Church. We want you, the house church leader, to guide and facilitate the discussion! Here are a few ways:

* **Come prepared with a thought(s)** that spoke to you in the message, as you talk about how it impacted you, ask others what they think about the point you brought up. This is not a time to teach for extended lengths of time, this is to inspire conversations! Teaching will come through the GROUP's understanding as conversations develop; lead the way!

* **Start with asking everyone** "what stood out to you in the message from last weekend" or "does anyone have something God has been speaking to them and want to share?" As your gathering begins talking, look for ways to expound on subjects and ask others their thoughts on the conversation.

2. Incorporate Worship - We want every house church to worship together. Through these moments, you create an atmosphere to invite God's presence in to the room! We want worship to be free, without limits, and to break down walls so there is a unity in the spirit.

* **Come prepared with your plan for worship.** You can pick any amount of songs from the House Church YouTube Playlist Library, facilitate live worship through people in your house church, or pick songs your group wants to sing along with! You can do this on your TV, a speaker, your phone, a sound system with live musicians, etc. Communicate with the host to make sure all of this is prepared 15 min prior to the start of your house church.

3. Build a Prayer Culture - We want every house church to pray together. Through these moments, you create an atmosphere for God to release words in people, for bold prayers to be released, and for people to simply learn how to pray to God and for one another.

* **Lead a time in prayer requests & spirit led prayer** - Encourage everyone to pray as they feel led to pray. You can suggest things to pray in to as the prayer flows. You can say things like "ok, now let's pray over cities" or "now let's pray over our church" or "let's pray for our pastor", etc. etc. You can also ask if there are any prayer requests - this isn't a time to just make a list, as you ask for prayer needs, have the group pray over that need right then and there! You can allow the people in the group to shift prayer focuses as Holy Spirit leads them. It is ok if prayer takes up the entire night, after all, we are called to be a house of prayer!

4. Kids are a part of House Church - All of our house churches welcome anyone and that includes kids! Kids can be easy or difficult in a house church setting, so we have a few ways to equip you in leading your house church with a great atmosphere for families with kids!

* **Curriculum & Activities** - We have developed curriculum and activities to help facilitate a great environment for kids! You can pick up the curriculum/activities each week from our kids leaders and/or discipleship pastors.

* **Volunteers** - You can find volunteers each week to lead the kids from your house church. Ask people to rotate and serve so that everyone is participating!

* **Childcare** - You can contact the house church pastors if you want childcare for your group and they will find childcare for your house church! This is a great resource if you are having trouble finding volunteers!

5. Share the Metrics! - We want to grow healthy house churches and this is done with "metrics" accountability! Healthy things grow - Listed below are the "metrics" we want you to share every week so that we can grow together as a unified house! All "metrics" should be shared with the house church pastors, via email, by Saturday @12pm.

* **Attendance** - Take attendance in the "groups" section in planning center of the church center app. Members are those who attend regularly and are committed to your house church. Visitors are those who may attend another house church or who are simply trying it out. If a Visitor decides to commit to your house church, you can change their status as a "visitor" to a "member" in the planning center online tool.

* **Testimonies** - Share testimonies with your house church pastors of what is going on in your house church. Was there a need met by the group? Was there a salvation or healing or miracle? Was the night so led by Holy Spirit that something "unplanned" happened like a night of prayer and worship? We want to hear about it to see how you're doing!

* **Leadership Highlights** - part of your role is to identify leaders, not just new house leaders, but maybe you see a potential to connections volunteer, kids volunteer, or some one with a vocal talent. Let house church pastors know so we can connect them with the right leaders to grow their gift!

6. Announcements - You will receive an email on Sundays with a list of all announcements for your House Church gathering. Make sure to keep everyone up to date with the happenings in this house!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS A HOUSE CHURCH **LEADER!**