

HOUSE CHURCH INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

Training #1: An Introduction to House Churches

1. WHY HOUSE CHURCHES?

A. House churches were the primary biblical model.

Acts 2:46 (NKJV) *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart ...*

B. House churches are still all over the world.

C. House churches multiply faster than campus or building churches.

D. House churches provide more personalized ministry.

E. Some people may not be comfortable coming to a church campus.

F. God instructed us to launch house churches, even before the current crisis.

G. God has been speaking prophetically about house churches:

1. Homes becoming embassies of the kingdom of God.

2. Angelic hosts surrounding house church homes.

3. God's Spirit being poured out with power and spiritual fire above these houses.

4. Cities being reached through discipleship and house churches.

2. WHAT IS A "HOUSE CHURCH?" A HOUSE CHURCH:

A. Is a gathering of believers who are committed to meet regularly for the purposes of growing spiritually, serving each other and carrying out the Great Commission.

B. Is led by a pastoral leader.

C. Worships, prays, studies the Bible, breaks bread and facilitates offerings (we'll do this electronically).

D. Accelerates discipleship.

E. Multiplies.

F. ***This version of house churches will transition into a new model which we're not yet ready to introduce.

3. HOW OFTEN DO THEY MEET?

A. A house church typically meets weekly.

Acts 20:7 (NKJV) *Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.*

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NKJV) *On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.*

4. WHO WILL LEAD THE HOUSE CHURCHES?

- A. Pastors, pastors in training, or leaders willing to start it and turn it over to a pastoral leader.

1 Corinthians 16:19 (NIV84) *The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.*

5. WHO WILL LEAD THE HOUSE CHURCH LEADERS?

- A. The Rock or Solid Lives.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NKJV) *And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*

1 Corinthians 9:1–2 (NKJV) *Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? **2** If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.*

6. WHEN WILL THE HOUSE CHURCHES BE LAUNCHED? HERE'S WHAT WE EXPECT:

- A. Guidelines will loosen in some states and counties before others.
- B. As the lock-down guidelines loosen in various areas, each congregation of The Rock will communicate when they will reopen.
- C. Once California announces the allowance of gatherings of 10 or more people, I will announce—in The Rock's weekend's service—the exact date for the launch of house churches.

7. HOW LONG WILL THERE BE HOUSE CHURCHES?

- A. My sense from the Lord is that they will never end, and that they will become increasingly prominent.

8. HOW DO YOU START ONE? SOME PEOPLE WILL:

- A. Invite friends who are believers.
- B. Build new relationships through casual get togethers such as inviting people to dinner.

9. WHAT TRAINING IS COMING?

- A. The BFAM Training Center will be launched this fall.
- B. We plan to have weekly training and leadership meetings.

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Training #2: Leadership & Structure

1. WHAT MINISTRY WILL THE HOUSE CHURCHES BE A PART OF?

- A. The Rock (a Foursquare Church)
- B. Solid Lives

2. WHY HAVE HOUSE CHURCHES UNDER ANOTHER MINISTRY?

- A. Every church is part of the Church of the Lord Jesus, the body of Christ
***Matthew 16:18 (ESV)** “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*
- B. The Church is not merely a gathering, but a living, spiritual body
***1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)** “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*
- C. The body of Christ has a structure
***1 Corinthians 12:28 (NKJV)** “And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.”*
- D. No pastor owns his or her church
***Acts 20:28 (NKJV)** “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”*
- E. It’s scriptural to have churches within churches
***1 Corinthians 1:1-2 (NKJV)** “Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, **2** To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:”*
***1 Corinthians 16:19 (NKJV)** “...Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”*
***Acts 18:1-2 (NKJV)** “After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. **2** And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla...”*

3. **WHAT IS THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OVER A ROCK HOUSE CHURCH?**

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV) *“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.”*

- A. Jesus Christ
- B. The Foursquare Denomination (CA non-profit ministry)
- C. Senior Pastor (Jerry Dirmann)
- D. Lead Pastor
- E. House Church Ministry Leadership
- F. Area Pastor
- G. House Church Pastor/Leader

4. **WHAT IS THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OVER A SOLID LIVES HOUSE CHURCH?**

- A. Jesus Christ
- B. Solid Lives (CA non-profit ministry)
- C. Solid Lives President (Jerry Dirmann)
- D. House Church Ministry Leadership
- E. (future) Regional Pastors
- F. House Church Pastor/Leader

5. **WILL HOUSE CHURCHES SUBMIT REPORTS?**

- A. Yes

Proverbs 27:23 (NKJV) *“Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds;”*

Luke 15:4 (NKJV) *“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”*

6. **HOW WILL OFFERINGS BE RECEIVED IN A ROCK HOUSE CHURCH?**

- A. Electronically
- B. Tithe given to The Rock

7. **HOW WILL OFFERING BE RECEIVED IN A SOLID LIVES HOUSE CHURCH?**

- A. Electronically
- B. Tithe given to each person's home church or Solid Lives

8. **WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR HOUSE CHURCH LEADERS AND PASTORS?**

- A. Weekly leadership meetings
- B. Direct access to church/ministry leaders
- C. Database for attendance tracking and other information
- D. Reporting system
- E. Video services and teaching
- F. Leader only resources
- G. BFAM Training Center for pastoral and ministry training

9. **HOW DOES THE ROLE OF A HOUSE CHURCH LEADER DIFFER FROM A HOUSE CHURCH PASTOR?**

- A. The roles will be virtually the same, but will have distinctions, such as:
 - 1. Pastors will be licensed ministers
 - 2. Pastors are trained and trusted to teach weekly messages
 - 3. Pastors will be invited to pastor's meetings

10. **HOW OFTEN WILL HOUSE CHURCH LEADERS AND PASTORS MEET AS LEADERS?**

- A. Weekly House Church Leader meetings
- B. Annual BFAM Conference
- C. Annual BFAM Ministers Conference (licensed ministers only)

11. **WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

Fill out the online House Church Interest Form

- 1. Gototherock.com
- 2. Solidlives.com

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Training #3

PROPHETIC WORDS I RECEIVED MAY 7, 2020

Joshua 1:1-2 (NKJV) “After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: ‘Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.’”

HERE’S WHAT I HEAR THE LORD SAYING:

1. **“Moses my servant is dead”** The way churches have done ministry in America is over... And it will never be the same again.
2. **“Now therefore arise and go over this Jordan”** Now—right now, even today—is the time to arise from the old way and wineskin of ministry, and to cross over the Jordan into a whole new season of possessing the promised land that God has been speaking of all along.
3. **“You and all this people”** Take everyone with you ... This is not just for the leadership of the church. Everyone must cross over.
4. **“Into the land that I am giving to them”** The new ministry ... the new wineskin ... the promised land ... it is not for us the pastors and leaders. It is for the people. God has called THEM and given THEM ministries and destinies that they must pursue and fulfill. That’s their promised land. Our promised land as leaders is to equip them and to see them fulfill their ministries. When they do ... we do.

I. UPDATE ON OPTIONS & LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

1. Under The Rock – A church within a church
2. Under Solid Lives – A church that’s part of the ministry of Solid Lives
3. A Senior Pastor of an existing church who wants to also launch house churches and connect with us as part of the BFAM Association
4. Students of the BFAM Training Center who want to launch under another ministry or on their own (caution about launching independently)

II. HOUSE CHURCH SERVICE VARIATIONS

1. Host a weekend service
2. Host a supplemental service (potentially mid-week)

3. Those we license can teach

III. A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS TO LEAD A HOUSE CHURCH WITH TR OR SL

1. A room with a sufficient size screen and that could accommodate the number of people anticipated
2. A TV or Monitor connected to the internet with sufficient speed to show a video
3. The willingness to host a weekly gathering “rain or shine”
4. A willingness to contact people who miss service or have needs
5. A willingness to attend a weekly leadership meeting, either in person or online
6. A willingness to submit a simple, weekly report
7. A commitment to play the role of a steward of God’s church, and not an owner
8. Time: anywhere between 3–5 hours per week (or whatever you feel is necessary)

IV. THE PROCESS TO START A HOUSE CHURCH

1. Watch the 3 Introductory Training videos
2. Submit the House Church Interest Form (gototherock.com or solidlives.com websites)
3. “Get Acquainted Phone Interview” with House Church Coordinator
4. (if you and we feel good about moving forward) Submit the Official HC Application
5. “Pastoral Video Conference Interview” with Pastor Jerry and a Coach
6. Sign a “Leadership Agreement”
 - ✓ You’ll receive an invitation to House Church Leader Meetings, Training & Resources
7. Launch your House Church

V. NEXT STEPS

1. Submit House Church Interest Form (gototherock.com OR solidlives.com websites)
2. Watch All Three Videos ([on YouTube here](#))
3. Accept appointment for “Get Acquainted Phone Interview” with HC Coordinator