

HOUSE CHURCH COMPLETE GUIDE

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What is PVC House Church?

House Church is a small group of people gathering to experience online service together, in community. Since the time of the New Testament, followers of Jesus have been gathering in groups both large and small to worship, pray, and grow in their understanding of Scripture.

In this type of setting, a small group of people can process the message and encourage one another to passionately seek after God.

Where does PVC House Church meet?

There are no specific requirements. Simply invite a few people to your home, spread out around a living room with some space between chairs and begin watching the service. All you need is enough space for a small group of people and a way to watch service online that is visible for everyone in the room.

Can I host a House Church in my home?

Absolutely. Start with just a few close friends, neighbors or family members. However, if you decide to host a House Church, please email us a picture and short summary of your group to housechurch@palmvalleychurch.com.

Do I have to wear a mask or hug people?

You don't have to wear a mask, but you are welcome to, if it makes you feel more comfortable. Please be sensitive to the comfort level of other people and practice social distancing. We don't recommend hugging or kissing on the cheek.



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How long is each House Church gathering?

In general, House Church should be about one hour. This is enough time to gather, catch-up, watch the service, and pray with one another. Sunday mornings are a good time to gather, but you can pick any time of the week that works for you and your group.

Do I need to provide food?

While some may want to bring snacks or maybe steaks, not to mention their grill hitched to the truck with plans of cooking up some post sermon fajitas; it is not required to provide food.

If I open my home, do I have to teach?

No, simply provide a safe and comfortable place, and we will do the rest. Each message will have a few reflection questions to help you begin processing as a group.

What about kids?

Each group will be unique. Keep in mind, not all children are able to comprehend what social distancing means. If children attend, you will need to assess your available space and determine what will work best for everyone in the group.

You may want to check out our Children's Ministry section online. Each week our PVC Kids ministry has services for preschool, elementary school, including fun activities, and worship!

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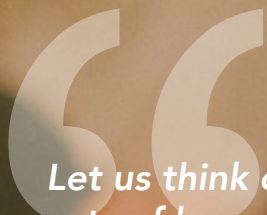


HOW TO DO HOUSE CHURCH

Here are a few practical things to help facilitate your time together.

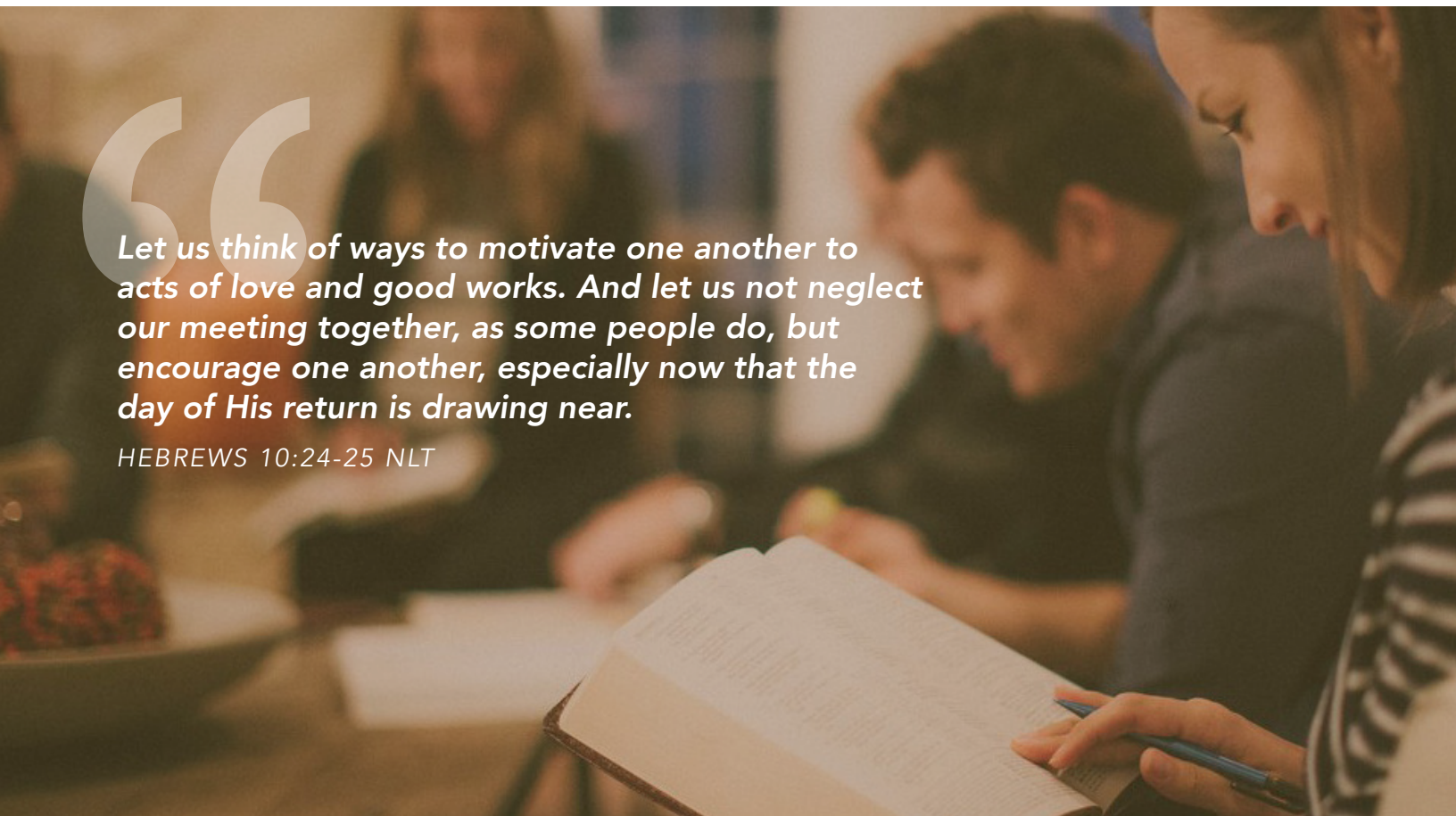
Preparing for House Church:

- Pray for God's direction and begin inviting people to your home, for a small group watching session.
- Decide and communicate beforehand if you want folks to bring snacks or food of any kind.
- Be sure you have plenty of space for people to sit at a comfortable distance from each other.
- Have the service cued up and ready to play, prior to gathering. Make sure the screen is visible and volume is loud enough for everyone to hear.
- Try to eliminate all known distractions, so that everyone can fully engage in the service.



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24-25 NLT



House Church Tips:

- Grab your Bible, a notebook and something to write with.
- You may want to say a short prayer before you begin watching the service.
- Press play and start the service.
- Once the service is over, take a few minutes and share what stuck out to you in the message. Each week, there will be a few reflection questions on the screen that you can pause and talk about. Remember, not everyone may feel comfortable sharing and that's ok.
- After you've finished, wrap up your time together with prayer. Pray for any specific needs shared by those present, and also pray for continued growth as you all seek to integrate the message into your everyday life.
- Eat some snacks and take time to laugh a little. Offer an invitation to view the service together again next time.
- Some groups like creating a group chat to encourage one another throughout the week, but this is up to you and what the individuals in the group are comfortable with. Always ask permission before requesting phone numbers or texting people in a group.
- Lastly, spend some time throughout the week praying for those who attended your group.
- Get ready for next week by praying for God's direction, as the PVC staff plan the service.

