

10 Questions to Ask

Before You Connect with a House Church Network

The interplay of all these questions will help one understand the core values of a house church network.

1. What is the network's top priority, Mission or Maintenance?

2. Are there geographical boundaries to starting a house church?

3. Is one required to obtain permission to start a house church?

4. Does privilege and responsibility go together?

- Who baptizes people?
- Who decides how monetary donations are used?

5. Have network mentors and coaches:

- Raised up a house church as a lay person?
- Multiplied a house church as a lay person?

6. Who handles the money?

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- Some networks assess a percentage of your offerings to cover network expenses.

7. To whom are you accountable?

- Some networks connect house churches to other house churches and some network connect house church to existing conventional churches.

8. Should a house church be a “lone-ranger”?

- House churches who participate in a missionally designed network tend to evidence stronger missional health.

9. What is considered missional health?

- J.D. Payne in his landmark book, *Missional House Churches*, limited his research to house churches that 1) witnessed at least one baptism every year, and 2) multiplied their house church every three years.

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