

# 10 Questions You Need to Ask

Before You Connect with a House Church Network

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

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

## 2. Are there any geographical boundaries/limitations to starting a house church?

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

## 4. Does privilege and responsibility go together?

- Are the priesthood of all believers empowered to do all the work of disciple making?
- Who is responsible for disciple making?
- Who gives the Bible studies?
- Who baptizes people?

## 5. Have network mentors/coaches:

- Raised up and multiplied a house church as a lay person?
- Are they currently part of a lay-led house church?

## 6. Who handles the money?

- Some networks assess a percentage of your offerings to cover network expenses.
- Some networks require tithe and offerings be collected in conventional church settings (not in the local house church).
- Who decides how offerings donations are used?

## 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. This seems to be a reasonable base line for a missional house church.

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