

# SO WHAT IS A HOUSE CHURCH?

We all recognize that it would be ludicrous to think nailing a steeple to the roof of a house would make it a house church. However, many of us take what we've seen happen in church buildings our whole lives and duplicate it in our living room and call it a house church. House church is not really about a change of location, it's about a change in the way we do church. As you look through this issue, here are some of the key components to keep in mind.

## FOOD

When you get together, eat! It provides a great atmosphere for people to have honest open communication with each other.

## OPEN PARTICIPATION

1 Corinthians 14:26 is the basis for what we do when we get together. The key is "Each one has..." Everybody should be able to take part.

## BIBLE STUDY

Keep it simple and interactive. A great technique is to look over a few verses together and then share with each other what each person gets out of the verses.

## PRAYER

Find out what is happening in each other's lives and take the time to pray for each other. Expect God to move powerfully and to speak to the group as you pray.

## SIMPLICITY

Make sure that what-ever you do can be duplicated. If the church is going to multiply rapidly it must be kept simple.

Church is not about the weekly gathering, it's about a different way of life.