

# House of Peace and Discipleship

## What is a House of Peace?

A House of Peace is a place of weekly gathering in someone's home, where the light, anointing, supernatural power and presence of God are experienced just as strongly as they are in the local church. A

*“Daily in the temple and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ....” Acts 5:42*

House of Peace operates as an extension of the church, because the same pattern of praise and worship, the word of God, evangelism, miracles, and healing for the body and soul is transferred to the Houses of Peace to touch the lives of many who otherwise would not take the initiative to attend church.

A HOP is a place where the community can encounter God by receiving hope, freedom, power and everlasting peace.

*“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....”. Acts 2:46*

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## 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE HOUSE OF PEACE

The goal of a House of Peace is to meet the needs of the people, show them the love of God, guide them to salvation in Christ Jesus, and connect the people who attend the House of Peace to the church and its leadership.

## **Five Specific Reasons why Houses of Peace are established**

1. Apostolic teaching or doctrine.
2. Fellowship with one another.
3. The breaking of bread.
4. Continuous and persistent prayer
5. It is a place to evangelize.

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## **2. WHO CAN BE A HOUSE OF PEACE LEADER**

A HOP leader does not have to be a pastor or minister. HOP leaders are lay leaders that have been trained for this purpose. Since the pattern is the same and the lessons followed are the same for all (provided by the church) there are only few requirements to be a HOP leader.

1. In order to attend the School of House of Peace Leaders the person must:
  - Have all the Affirmation Process accredited in the system.
  - Have been an active disciple for at least 3 consecutive months.
  - Have completed the Introduction to Leadership School classes.
  - Have completed the School of Supernatural Evangelism.
  - Have completed the Sub-Leader Training for House of Peace.
2. In order to attend to the House of Peace Leaders Retreat the person must:
  - Have all the School of HOP Leaders classes accredited.
  - Be interviewed and authorized by their net's pastor to open a House of Peace.

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### 3. HOUSE OF PEACE PROCEDURES

#### **a. Who makes up a House of Peace?**

- The Leader
- The Sub-Leader
- The Host (house owner)
- Attendees and visitors

#### **b. Distribution of the time for a House of Peace meeting**

The group must meet for ninety minutes, once a week; on the day and time selected at the time of the creation of the House of Peace. It can be any day of the week except on church services days. However, once selected, neither the day of the week nor the hour of the House of Peace is changed. The leaders must arrive thirty minutes before, to organize everything and pray to prepare the spiritual atmosphere in that place.

The time is distributed approximately, like this:

- Worship (15 minutes)
- Welcome and church announcements (5 minutes)
- Teaching (20 minutes)
- Ministration with demonstration of power and testimonies (20 minutes)
- Collection of tithes and offerings (9 minutes)
- Call for salvation (5 minutes)
- Prayer of blessing and dismissal (1 minute).
- Time for fellowship with food/refreshments (15 minutes).

#### **c. House of Peace Pattern**

- Presence of God (prayer and fasting).
- Word with impartation (study of the word).
- Miracles, healing, deliverance and prophecy.

- Souls
- Tithes and offerings.

Note: Everyone teaches the same weekly lesson found in our yearly book: 52 Life Lessons.

#### **d. Reporting Structure**

- After the HOP, the leader reports number of attendees, number of souls saved, and whether offerings were collected. (A computer program can be designed for this purpose or the person can report directly to their mentor)
- All offerings received must be brought to the church the next day of service following the HOP.

## **Mentorship/Discipleship**

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### **4. OBJECTIVES OF THE MENTORSHIP DEPARTMENT**

The Mentors Department is a very important part of the vision through which we train, teach and prepare the House of Peace leaders to become mentors, to do God's will and to reach their destiny by taking the kingdom everywhere they go.

It was through the discipleship of a small group of people that Jesus transformed history. In addition, discipleship is a mandate, a mission that He left for every believer to perform on Earth.

*"<sup>12</sup>Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God <sup>13</sup>and when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom...".  
Luke 6. 12,13*

Discipling others is not an option or alternative, but a mandate. These verses tell us that we must do as disciples, baptize and teach others to do the same thing that Jesus did with His disciples, so they do the same.

Discipleships are the means through which we send leaders equipped with powerful spiritual weapons, useful to extend the Kingdom of God by force; to rebuke demons, heal the sick, perform signs, wonders, and miracles; to raise the dead, preach, teach, and prophesy the mysteries of the Kingdom to cause a reform and impact society.

The department is also responsible for following up related to the disciples and the discipleship meeting with each mentor in the ministry every month.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”.*

*Mathew 28. 19,20*

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## 5. WHO CAN BE A DISCIPLE?

It is our goal as a church that everyone become a disciple. Unfortunately, while many people come to church, not all are committed to becoming a disciple. Jesus said there was a high cost to follow Him and those who would not pay it are not worthy of Him.

To be a disciple, a person must go through the affirmation process and then becomes eligible. Usually, the person who followed up or evangelized the person follows up with them until they become their disciple.

*“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”*

*Matthew 10:38-*

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## 6. WHO CAN BE A MENTOR?

A mentor is someone who can guide and care for others. There is an even higher level of commitment in becoming a mentor than just being a disciple. The mentor is responsible to provide pastoral care to his disciples. While a House of Peace is supposed to have new and/or different people all of the time, the discipleship is a closed group. It is the same people meeting all of the time. That way, a large church can still have a personal touch where a mentor is there for the needs of the disciple.

To be a mentor, the person must have gone through the affirmation process, the process of becoming a House of Peace Leader, and completed the training for becoming a Mentor. In addition, the person is not sent out as a mentor until he has a minimum of 12 disciples.

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## 7. DISCIPLESHIP PROCEDURES

### **a. Who makes up a Discipleship?**

- The Mentor
- The disciples (12 or more- the same people always)

### **b. Distribution of the time for a Discipleship meeting**

The discipleship must meet once a month, on the day and time selected by the mentor. Note that the day and time can change from month to month, as necessary. Also, the discipleship can occur at any location ,but typically happens at the house of the mentor or of one of the disciples. Discipleships are longer than House of Peace meetings and can take two to three hours, as there is more time for fellowship and bonding.

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The time of the discipleship is flexible, but it can be distributed approximately like this:

- Worship (30-45 minutes)
- Greeting each other (5-10 minutes)
- Teaching (30-45 minutes)
- Ministering the needs of the disciples (20 minutes or as long as needed)
- Collection of tithes and offerings (9 minutes)
- Final prayer (1-5 minutes)
- Time for fellowship with food/refreshments (1 hour – 1.5 hours).

Note: On occasion, the discipleship meeting is a “koinonia” where the disciples and mentor just spend time sharing or involved in a group activity, with no directed teaching.

Note: All lessons for the month are provided by the church. These are found in the discipleship books, Levels 1-5.

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## 8. THE COMMITMENT OF THE DISCIPLE

The Disciples who have committed with God to become useful instruments in His kingdom must have as their objectives:

- Growth in every area of their life.
- To know God and His heart intimately to serve Him as their Lord and their Father.
- The order of their priorities, to give the first place to God and then to their family.
- The development of their character to reach the necessary maturity to be useful in the kingdom of God.
- To discover their calling, destiny and purpose to fulfill God’s will for their lives.

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- To discover and apply their responsibilities, rights and obligations, privileges and inheritance of a disciple of the Kingdom.

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## 9. THE COMMITMENT OF THE MENTOR

The mentor who has made a commitment with God to fulfill His will with his disciples must keep in mind the following objectives:

- Help the disciples to set their priorities, giving the first place to God and then to their families.
- Train and equip each disciple to serve in the work of the ministry, at home, at work and at school, effectively.
- Help the disciple in developing an intimate and constant relationship with God.
- Help each disciple to develop their character to the stature of the character of Christ.
- Guide each disciple to discover their purpose in life, their call and their destiny, and to direct them to fulfill them.
- To make them aware of the responsibilities, rights and obligations, privileges and inheritance of a disciple within the kingdom of God.
- To generate the desire to grow, mature, and fulfill the plans that God has for their life