



**HOME
EDITION**

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**GET
INTO
SIMPLE
CHURCH.
GET
INTO...**

**FAVORITE GAME OF
SIMPLE CHURCHES EVERYWHERE!**

SITUATIONS

A CHALLENGING GAME OF **TOUGH** SIMPLE CHURCH SITUATIONS THAT
WILL FORCE YOU TO NOT ONLY PLAY BUT PRAY AS YOU RESOLVE THEM.

SITUATION 1

A family joins your House Church with 7 sweaty, stinky, noisy kids in tow.

Q1: How do you prepare for them each time you gather?

Q2: How do you minister to the kids?

Q3: How do you minister to others who may not appreciate the noise?

SITUATION 2

A handsome single man - a new Christian - joins your group at the Coffee Studio. You have several pretty girls in the group and you can see the competition and sparks flying right away.

Q1: What are some potential problems that could occur?

Q2: How do you address these potential issues?

Q3: Do you start fires now... or try extinguishing them later?

SITUATION 3

A terrific couple in their Mid-30s is part of your House Church Network. The meeting at their place are second to none. They've lived in town for three years along with her 7-year old from a previous marriage. The outgoing, loving couple are both successful professionals with a big, beautiful home that's perfect for a House Church. They own lots of land, a boat, cars, livestock...everything to make them "look" like the perfect leadership couple and a model of a successful marriage.

One problem...they're not married. They've been living together, unmarried, for 4 years.

Q1: How do you handle this situation...or DO you?

Q2: Are you concerned about their example for other younger dating couples?

SITUATION 4

A very zealous, wealthy man joins your group. He's a sharp dresser, bright white teeth and a full head of hair. Several mature single women think he's wonderful and he has often whispered "Words of Knowledge" into their ears. He has a working knowledge of Scripture and seems to challenge everything taught by anyone. To make matters worse, he's involved in a multi-level marketing product that somehow makes its way into every object lesson or conversation he's a part of. No one wants to get cornered by this man and several have stopped coming because of him.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 5

A woman in your group, about 50, is very mature in the Lord and the younger ladies seem very drawn to her teaching and counsel. She considers herself a "prophetess." It's obvious that her followers are becoming a church within the church. She's also overbearing, loud, abrasive, not at all submissive to her spouse who, although he's very quiet and timid, can be very defensive of his wife.

Oh, and your group meets in their house.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 6

Recently, a wonderful couple has started attending with your group. They are in their late 40s, attractive, personable and loving, and contribute in every way to the group's dynamics. They are welcomed by all.

Problem: They live 90 minutes away. past experience tells you it's only a matter of time before you lose them.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

Q2: What are their options?

SITUATION 7

A pretty young lady joins your group. She's a former "exotic dancer" with a horrible testimony of drugs, abuse and a very rough lifestyle. Her wardrobe is often a bit too revealing. She's very committed to her new faith as well as your group and is growing spiritually in leaps and bounds. She starts bringing two of her "stripper" friends and, not only do they dress worse than she does, but one of them smokes outside during your meetings and comes back in smelling like a cigarette.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 8

A couple you know is VERY interested in the Simple Church concept. They have some previous "cell group" experience from their former denomination. They ask you to join them at their very first meeting. When you enter, the chairs are organized in rows, candles are lit, he has a pulpit at the front and even hands out printed bulletins as people enter.

Q1: Is anything wrong with this picture?

Q2: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 9

Two young men have recently joined your workplace group. They are prayerful, attend faithfully, and really know the Scriptures. One was a Preacher's Kid (PK). One day, as the subject of homosexuality comes up, one of them shouts, "OK, you just lost me!" Both men consider themselves Gay Christians.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 10

A sweet-natured Christian woman attends your meeting and requests prayer. As you pray, she manifests some very strange, demonic activity, exhibiting a strange, masculine voice.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 11

A wonderful Christian couple has visited your group. They are from a denomination that believes that babies should be baptized and they invite the group to do a baptism in your home.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 12

A mature Christian couple has been attending your group for several months and everybody loves them. One day, he expresses his belief in Universalism, the notion that ALL people - regardless of what God they profess to believe in - and even if they DON'T believe in God at all - are going to Heaven.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 13

A woman in your group confides in you that her 5-year old daughter claims that one of the teen boys touched her inappropriately. The young man in question appears to be great with the kids and seems to be genuinely serious about serving God.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 14

A newly-wed woman calls you crying because she caught her husband viewing porn online. He admitted to her that he seems addicted and wants to quit.

This is the second woman to call you with this situation this year and a college student has already come to you asking for prayer to eliminate HIS addiction.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 15

You saw one of your elders at a restaurant with a woman who is not his wife. He has his arm around her as they leave for his car.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 16

A young lady who has been a blessing to your group has accepted a new job out of state. She's an amazing Christian who's had a very rough but overcoming life.

Q1: How can you help her?

SITUATION 17

A 14-year old girl in your group wants to start a Simple Church on Friday nights. Her parents are not Christians but they don't mind if she uses their den.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

Q2: How will you resource her?

SITUATION 18

A 21-year old woman at work, a faithful attender at your workplace gatherings, confides in you that she's pregnant with her second baby. The father is 17. Her first child's father is nowhere to be found.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 19

A woman in her 50s, a convert from Judaism, has joined your group. She claims she sees angels and insists that God is giving her what you perceive as extra-Biblical revelation. Her teaching is always from the Old Testament. She claims that God is instructing her to do things which - although they aren't criminal or evil - keep getting her arrested.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 20

You have a relationship with a minister in Africa. He is asking that you come and speak about Simple Church to a group of hundreds at a conference. You are scheduled to be in a dear friend's wedding party at that time.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?

SITUATION 21

A kindly woman in her early 50s has confided in you and a group of mature Christians privately - not to your whole Church - that she is NOT a woman at all, but a cross-dresser who truly desires to have sex reassignment therapy but cannot afford it. She (he) is asking for prayer that God would provide the finances.

Q1: How will you handle this situation?