SIMPLE CHURCH:

“Small groups” meetings at home:

1. Why we should start:
	1. To reach people who have never or no longer attend church!
	2. To address the worldwide phenomenon of people leaving the churches.
2. Biblical Basis
	1. Churches were started in the time of Apostle Paul, meeting in the homes of the brethren: **Colossians 4:15** - “Please give my greetings to our Christian brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and those **who meet in her house.”**

**Philemon 1:1-3**

* 1. The church System we are using now was started by Emperor Constantine to get the Christians to join the pagans into this institutionalized church system.

**Changed** lay-leadership to professional leadership (from pastors and or fathers).

**Changed** house gatherings to public church buildings (basilicas, cathedrals, and churches).

**Changed** Sabbath to Sunday

* 1. The Fathers were authorized by scriptures to:

Jesus came and told his disciples…
“I have been given **all authority in heaven and on earth**. Therefore, go and make **disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age”
~ Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

* + 1. be the Pastor to make disciples

**All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men**. For this work the church was established, and **all** who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ.”

~ *Desire of the Ages*, p. 822.

* + 1. Collect tithes (remitted to the local conference) and offerings (to be retained by the home church for evangelism expenses but not for furniture or appliances for the home.
		2. To lead and administer communion

**House churches are the natural place for communion to be shared**.

* + 1. To baptize and report the membership to the local conference.

**baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

1. General Conference approval and Global recognition of the Simple Church.

HOW TO START:

1. Inform your local conference and district pastor that you are starting a home Church
2. Home churches are run by the family (CORE Team) with the:
	1. Father - as the coordinator and
	2. Mother as the – co-coordinator
	3. Children as the program facilitators:
3. Get simple training
4. Register with simple church global network.
5. Join the quarterly Simple Church Fellowships.

FORMAT:

1. Starts with Brunch or late breakfast (potluck)
2. Invited family or individuals join the meal
3. Meetings start with sharing (ice breakers) what happened in the last week. Father is the coordinator.
4. Children lead out in song service
5. Discussion of the weeks sabbath school lessons – download the lessons per quarter
6. Offer bible for those who do not have any.
7. Close the Sabbath School
8. Collect tithes and offerings
9. Prayers
10. Study of the word of God, weekly topics - download the lessons per quarter
11. Close with questions
12. Singing closing
13. Fellowship lunch (potluck)
14. Proceed to Afternoon program
15. more songs and
16. open bible discussion for issues relevant to present situation - download the lessons per quarter
17. more songs
18. prayers
19. see you next sabbath

SIMPLE CHURCH GROWTH:

1. The **CORE 4 family** (missionary family) invites a **visiting family** (2), that will become a CORE family in the near future.
2. Another **visiting family** (3) or group of individuals are invited.
3. The visiting family (2) as soon as they know how to run the simple church will start in their home.
4. Cycle continues…