



House Party – Pt. 2

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

God has a design for His house, and we are part of it. The church is not just a building or a place we attend. We are being built together so God can dwell among us and work through us. When we follow His design instead of our own preferences, we make room for His presence, power, and purpose.

OPEN IN PRAYER

Ask God to open our hearts to His Word, challenge the way we think, and show us where He wants us to grow and align our lives with His design.

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever had someone challenge you in a way that was uncomfortable at first but ended up helping you grow? What happened?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The message talked about how challenges produce growth. Why do you think we sometimes resist things that challenge us? How has God used something uncomfortable to help you grow?
2. What do you think makes a church community feel truly life-giving? What can we do to help create that kind of environment for others?
3. Read Ephesians 2:18–22. What stands out to you about the picture of us being “built together” as a place where God dwells? How does that change the way you think about church?
4. The message reminded us that every person has a place and a purpose in God’s house. Why is it important that we recognize and value the different gifts people bring?
5. One of the biggest challenges in the message was to move toward God’s design instead of expecting God’s design to move toward our preferences. Where do you think we are most tempted to do that?
6. The message described God as the architect and us as the builders. Is there an area of your life where you need to trust God’s design more than your own plans?
7. The message challenged us not to approach church as consumers who only receive, but as people who participate and contribute. What does that look like in real life?
8. Jeremiah talks about shepherds who lead people with knowledge and understanding. Can you think of a time when biblical teaching challenged your thinking or helped strengthen your faith?
9. The message connected the three things in the Ark with God’s Word, being fed and nourished, and the power to bring dead things back to life. Which of those do you feel you need most in this season, and why?

10. The message described the church as a place for the “misfits” and those who may feel like they don’t belong. What can we do to help people feel welcomed, valued, and like they truly have a place in God’s house?

SCRIPTURE

- Ephesians 2:18–22
- Ephesians 4:11–13
- Romans 12:4–8
- Jeremiah 3:14–16
- Mark 2:1–12

PERSONAL/GROUP CHALLENGE

Take some time this week to ask God, **“What does Your design look like for my life, and where am I building according to my own preferences instead?”**

Ask Him to show you one area where you can adjust, obey, serve, or step into the place He has for you. Then look for one opportunity to help someone else experience the life, hope, and presence of God through you.

