

Church Under the Tree Starter Pack

Start a Simple Church Anywhere the Gospel Is Welcome — or Needed

“Where two or three gather in My name...” – Matthew 18:20

“They met daily... from house to house...” – Acts 2:46



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What This Is:

A **simple, biblical pattern** of church that can start:

- Under a tree
- On a mat
- In a hut, home, or tent
- In a WhatsApp group
- Around a fire or meal
- On a school field or street corner

- ✓ No pulpit needed
 - ✓ No sound system required
 - ✓ No titles necessary
 - ✓ Just Jesus + people + obedience
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What's Included

1. **Church Under the Tree Weekly Format**
2. **Gathering Starter Script (First 3 Meetings)**
3. **Weekly Discovery Bible Template**
4. **Simple Church Roles**
5. **Worship Ideas Without Instruments**
6. **Baptism & Communion Guide**
7. **Multiplication Map**
8. **Training New Leaders**
9. **Frequently Asked Questions**



1. Weekly Format (60–75 Minutes)

Use this every time — anyone can lead.

Time	Part	Description
10m	Welcome	Share names, testimonies, what God is doing
10m	Worship	Sing, clap, pray, dance, read a Psalm
30m	Discovery Bible Study	Read/tell story + ask 5 questions (see below)
10m	Obedience Commitments	“What will you do? Who will you tell?”
15m	Prayer & Ministry	Pray for healing, needs, boldness
+	Fellowship	Share food, testimonies, help one another



2. First 3 Gatherings (Starter Script)

● Week 1: Why We Gather

- Read Acts 2:42–47
- Ask: What did early believers do together?
- Declare: “*This is church — Jesus is our Head. The Spirit is our Leader.*”

● Week 2: What Is a Disciple?

- Read Matthew 4:19
- Share: Each person’s story with Jesus

- Ask: Are we followers? Are we fishing?

Week 3: What Will This Look Like?

- Discuss simple church format
- Assign first DBS leader (not the trainer!)
- Set day/time for next gathering

 From Week 4 onward: follow the normal Weekly Format



3. Discovery Bible Template (DBS)

Every gathering uses this!

1. What do we learn about **God**?
2. What do we learn about **people**?
3. What example should we follow or avoid?
4. What will I **obey or do** this week?
5. Who will I **share this with**?

 Let everyone speak. Let the Word + Spirit lead.



4. Simple Church Roles (Rotated Weekly)

Role	What They Do
DBS Leader	Tells story + asks questions

Worship Leader	Chooses songs, psalms, or leads a dance
Prayer Minister	Prays for needs, leads prayer at end
Hospitality Helper	Welcomes people, brings mat/water if needed

✅ Everyone leads eventually. **No titles required.**

5. Worship Ideas (No Instruments)

- Sing simple songs (call & response style)
 - Clap rhythms or stomp feet
 - Read a Psalm as a group (Psalm 100, 23, etc.)
 - Each person say 1 thing they love about God
 - Dance in a circle and sing a chorus
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6. Baptism & Communion Guide

 **Baptism (Use river, tub, bucket, etc.)**

Ask:

- Do you believe Jesus is Lord and Savior?
- Are you ready to follow Him with your whole life?

Then say:

“I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

✅ Anyone mature in faith can baptize another.

Communion (Use any bread or cracker + juice available)

Say:

“We eat and drink to remember Jesus — His body given, His blood poured out.”

Read: Luke 22:19–20

Then: Each person eats and drinks in quiet or prayer

☒ Do this often. It keeps Jesus central.

7. Multiplication Map

Draw 3 circles:

- **1st:** Your current group
- **2nd:** Who could start a group soon?
- **3rd:** Where could a new group begin?

☒ Goal: Every group starts another within 3–6 months

☒ Reproduction shows health



8. Training New Leaders

When someone shows:

- Obedience to the Word
- Faithfulness to show up
- Desire to serve and learn

Then: Start training them to lead:

- Let them tell the story
- Let them pray for others
- Let them lead a meeting

✓ Leadership is **given, not earned by title**

? 9. FAQ – Common Questions

Q: Is this really a church without a pastor or building?

✓ YES. Jesus is the Head. Church = people + His presence.

Q: What if there's no Bible?

✓ Use oral storytelling. Trainer can supply 10–15 core stories.

Q: Who leads?

✓ Anyone who obeys Jesus and can lead others to do the same.

Q: Can women lead?

✓ Yes — if they are called, faithful, and obedient to the Word.

Q: What if the group becomes too big?

✓ Multiply! Two groups are better than one large crowd.

Final Declaration (Read Aloud Together)

“We are the Church.

Not because of a place — but because of His presence.

Not built with bricks — but with obedience.

We gather to love Jesus, follow His Word, pray, and multiply.

This ground is holy.

This moment is sacred.

We are Church — under a tree, under heaven.”



Facilitator: _____



Date Church Began: _____