

LEADING A GROUP ONLINE



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HOW TO LEAD GROUP ONLINE

As we are transitioning into a time when meeting face-to-face is limited in our community, we wanted to ensure that we help equip our church to not neglect one of the most crucial convictions we have as a church: we need each other.

Biblical community is more than a physical gathering; it is what happens when we live out the "one-anothers" together. And now, more than ever, that kind of community is as crucial as it has ever been.

As group leaders, you are not just leading a meeting. You are leading people. In a time of social distancing and the spread of a dangerous virus, your group members need you more than ever. And you need your group more than ever! So, we have put together a simple guide to help you lead your group online during this crazy season in our community.



1. PICK YOUR PLATFORM

The first important step for you to begin leading your group digitally is to pick which digital platform your group will use to stay connected and meet together. Here are a few options to choose from:

- Zoom
- Google Hangouts
- Skype
- Facetime
- WhatsApp

There are plenty of tutorial videos for using these platforms online, but we will also be sharing some of these tutorials in our weekly group leader communication as well.

2. COMMUNICATE THE PLAN

After you have chosen which digital platform you will use, then you will need to communicate the plan with your group. Text your group and let them know which platform you have chosen, and send them tutorials for how to make an account and use the platform. With many people having to stay at home, you may even want to consider changing the time and day that your group meets to better accommodate for the rest of your group. You may even want to call each of your members individually to make sure they know how to use the platform and if they are good to meet at that time every week.

3. BE FLEXIBLE

As your group settles into this new rhythm of meeting, remember that the number one priority for your group during this time is the people. Good leadership during this time means that those in your group feel loved, heard, and cared for by others. This may mean that you need to be flexible with your plan for your group time and allow space for people to share more than they might usually because they are being isolated for long periods of time.

We will still be providing study guides and will expect your group to continue practicing the three rhythms of groups time: fellowship, the word, and confession/prayer. However, just know that we understand group may need to look different for this season.

4. ENCOURAGE THE "ONE-ANOTHERS"

As your group settles in to the new rhythm of meeting digitally, be sure to pay close attention to the needs that arise in your group and community. Social distancing should not stop us from living out the one-anothers and meeting each others needs. Instead, this gives the church a unique opportunity to step in and be a light to our community that needs hope. Sign up to serve at the food kitchen, bring an elderly person dinner and hygiene products, and most importantly, pray for one-another! Use this time to get creative as a group to both meet each other's needs and the needs of those around you (Acts 4:32-35).