

Q&A ABOUT STAYING CONNECTED WITH YOUR HOME GROUP DURING COVID-19

How can I best lead through this?

Continue to be a champion of building and encouraging our community! People, more than ever, need to know they are not alone. Simple actions - such as a phone call, mailing an encouraging card, text message, a Facebook group chat - go a long way.

If we choose to meet online via video chat, what video conferencing platform should I use?

Whichever one you and your group feel most comfortable using! For example, our student ministry small groups are using [Zoom](#) to stay connected each week. I have heard of other churches recommending [Google Hangouts](#) as a great option.

Our student ministries team put together a few videos for group leader to help set up an online group using Zoom.

Set up ZOOM for MOBILE: <https://youtu.be/fFeQgOXqKXI>

Set up ZOOM for DESKTOP: https://youtu.be/RV8Yutafe_M

One note about Zoom, if your group wants to meet longer than the 40 minutes it allows, simply end the conversation and re-start it.

Whichever platform you do choose, just be sure you test it out so that you are comfortable with it before you go live with the group.

What video conferencing platforms are available and where do I download them?

- [Zoom](#) - free for the first 40 minutes
- [Google Hangouts](#) - free
- [Facebook Messenger](#) - free >> [how to video chat on Messenger](#)
- [Skype](#) - free up to 10 people

What other options exist if we want another option beyond video chat?

- [YouVersion Bible App](#): You can use the Bible app (search for YouVersion on Apple App Store or Google Play) and work through a Bible reading plan, utilizing the social component of that plan. For a tutorial of how that works, click [HERE](#).
- [Create a Facebook Group](#) and chat together like you would in your home group. There is a video chat feature built in.
- [GroupMe](#): GroupMe is an amazing app your group can use to stay connected by using a chat group throughout the week for updates, prayer needs, and checking in. It's free and super easy to use. Here are [instructions](#) to set up your new group in the app.

Are we still submitting our attendance?

Yes! If your group is regularly meeting via video or another means of communication, please continue to use Group Vitals to submit your group's attendance as you check in with each other.

How long will things be like this?

We plan on having home groups meet like this for as long as it's the responsible thing to do. We'll be sure to communicate out when we can responsibly meet in person again.

How can our group help others who are in need?

In each of our neighborhoods, we have people who have needs. If you want to leave a note on your neighbor's front door and let them know they can share their needs with you (prayer, physical needs, etc...) – give them your email or phone number and as needs arise, your group can resource each other to meet those needs. Get creative and be the hands and feet of Jesus to spread hope and community to those near you who may be feeling alone and in need during this time.

What resources do we have in case people are really anxious, need support, or get sick?

We are partners with you. Just contact myself, your coach, or Arie and we will do our best to get you the appropriate resources you need. We will be sharing resources that CrossPoint is busy at work setting up to make sure those in our church family are taken care of, along with those in our community that we can help.

Stay updated with CrossPoint through [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to stay updated and make sure you are signed up with the church's [email newsletter](#) as well.

If there's any other way we might be able to partner with you, please let us know.

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