

SMALL GROUPS: Being the Church! (Tips From FBC Trussville)

Thank you to First Baptist Church of Trussville for sharing the following tips for Small Groups who are unable to meet in-person due to the social distancing requirements brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please do your part to stay connected, checking on those in your small group. You play a vital role in becoming aware of situations of need. Keep it up!

Though we can't be physically together right now, there are ways have small groups via technology.

ZOOM - More info/download - <https://zoom.us/download>

This is a free video-conferencing app that you can download and use.

1. Sign up for the free account and you will be given a web address.
2. You'll need everyone's email address.
3. Once you have these, you can set up a time to host a video-conference for your small group.
4. The session only allows for 40 minutes at a time, but accommodates up to 50 people!

Facebook Live

You can do a Facebook Live event.

1. Create a regular post, and look for the "live video" button.
2. Click the button, and away you go!
3. Your class members would have to be friends with you on Facebook to see your video.
4. You wouldn't be able to see their faces, but they can see you and comment in real time.

Facetime Group Chat

You can use this application on Apple products (iPhone, iPad, Macbook, etc).

1. This is pretty much a standard app on all apple devices
2. You are limited to 31 users, but if you have a couples class, that's 62 people!

Email

Yep, good old fashioned email still can save the day!

1. Video yourself giving the content of the lesson and send that to your people.
2. You may want to keep your video under 10 minutes to keep the file as small as possible.
3. But even if it exceeds 25MB, google mail (and others like it) create a link to the video.
4. Your class can then respond in the email to get some feedback from the lesson.