

Growth Groups Online



If you are thinking of starting or providing an online avenue for your group to meet, we want to provide info that might help you filter through the details and pick the best place to use.

What's most important?

- 1st: **Connecting** successfully – Let's get everyone on the site seeing and chatting with one another
- 2nd: Expressing **care** through the connection – Let's ensure we all walk away feeling loved and valued
- 3rd: Delve into **content**, if available and the margin provides – both in time and technology

How often?

- Plan 30 minutes to get acquainted and together
- Weekly as a complete group
- Plenty of IBM's (In Between Meetings) - short notes, emojis, emails, etc.

Why meet more than once a week if able?

- What else is there to do?
- Shorter window & frequent touches can help close the distance
- People feel higher levels of isolation in a season of distancing

When to connect:

- Different options abound in this season of distance
 - Your regular group time
 - After the Sunday online service
 - After a Wed Night Live webinar from LW
 - A 2nd night or time (especially if meeting for a shorter window of time like 30 min)

Where to go?

If you are considering an online group meeting option, this chart spells it out and give you an understanding of what's out there to use. (Information below subject to change)

Product	# of participants	Time Limits	Chat feature	Recording	Cost	Breakout options	Conference phone	Extras
Google Hangouts	10	None	Yes	No	Free	No	No	
Google Duo	8	25 hrs	Yes	No	Free	No	Yes	
Google Meet	150	None	Yes	No	Free till July	No	Yes	
Zoom (free)	100	40 min (currently waived)	Yes	Yes	Free	No	Yes	Screen share*
Zoom (paid)	100	24 hours	No	Yes	\$14.99/mo.	Yes	Yes	Screen share*
FaceTime (Apple devices only)	32	None	No	No	Free	No	No	
Facebook Live	Any	4-8 hours	With comments	No	Free	No	No	
FB Messenger vid chat	50	No	No	No	Free	No	No	
Microsoft Teams (need a free Microsoft acct)	10K	No	Yes	Yes	\$8-35/mo.	Yes	Yes	
Skype	50	24 hrs	Yes	Yes	Free	No	Yes	
Slack	15	No	Yes	No	Free	No	No	
Freeconferencecall.com (Vid & phone)	1K	6 hrs	Yes	Yes	Free	No	Yes	
Webex	100	40 min	No	No	Free	1 room	Yes	Screen share*
GotoMeeting.com (free)	3	40 min	No	No	Free	No	No	All in paid version

*helpful if you're wanting to share a DVD or streaming video online content