

Resources for leading on-line small groups:

First time allow 10 minutes for people to arrive and get adjusted to the technology. This may be new for many of them. (You may want to practice with a few people ahead of time.) After the first week this can be used as catch up time.

A few items of etiquette that could be helpful to share with your group.

- When not speaking have people mute themselves. (This will help with excess background noise. They can unmute when they want to speak.) If using zoom the owner of the zoom account can also mute people if needed.
- Can use chat box if you want everyone to respond. Could have people write their prayer requests here and then can spend time praying together for them. (Works better if people are on a computer.) Could also use a google doc so there is a record of these prayer requests. Then everyone for a group can have access even if they are unable to attend. Could ask one person to be the note taker.
- If you're using zoom you can break people up into break out rooms. You can either do this randomly or assign groups. You can have any number of groups so people could pray in pairs, triads, men/women etc.

Potential online meeting schedule:

- 10 minutes – A good ice breaker questions. From experience this can be harder on-line rather than in person.
- Pray for the group as you get started.
- 20 minutes – Bible study, could share screen with Bible passage on it or each person has Bible
- 10 minutes – Application
- 10 minutes – Pray for One another.

Potential Small Group Jobs in this new season

- Prayer Coordinator/ Takes notes -emails them to the group after each small group or maintains a google doc with prayer requests.
- Check -in coordinator (need a better name) someone willing to call each person in the group once during the week to make sure they are doing OK and if there are any needs.
- Service Coordinator – coordinate needs of the group and keeping group apprised of opportunities to serve the large community