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GROW GROUP
LEADER HOW-TO GUIDE



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TOOLS FOR GROW GROUPS TO USE FOR GATHERING ONLINE

Many tools exist for gathering people together online, and we encourage Grow Groups to choose whichever application works best for them. The following is a list of free video conferencing products that we have tested and recommend.



FACETIME (Recommended only if all group members have Apple devices):

1. FaceTime will allow for multiple participants, not just a one-on-one call
2. After initiating a FaceTime call from your iPhone or iPad:
 - Pull up the options bar
 - Touch add person and search for the individuals to add to the call
 - Then touch “add person to FaceTime.”
3. After initiating a FaceTime call from a Mac
 - Click, and then click “add person.”
 - Search for the individuals to add to the call
 - Then click “add.”
4. If you are having trouble using this platform, please visit the FaceTime support page at: [**https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380**](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380)



FACEBOOK MESSENGER

You can video chat with just one person, or with a group of people. Keep in mind, placing calls through the Messenger app for iPhone, iPad or Android may use your existing data plan. Please contact your mobile provider if you have questions about data charges for calling.

Android, iPhone, iPad, and Desktop (video chat with a group):

1. From Chats, open a group conversation for the people with whom you want to video chat.
2. Tap the video icon in the top right corner
3. To end a video call, tap the red phone button
4. If you are having issues using the platform, you can visit the Facebook Help Center here: [**https://www.facebook.com/help/messenger-app/1414800065460231?helpref=topq**](https://www.facebook.com/help/messenger-app/1414800065460231?helpref=topq)

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ZOOM

1. For instructions to use Zoom, please visit: [**https://bit.ly/2U6wpHd**](https://bit.ly/2U6wpHd)
2. Zoom does require a free account to use.
3. Note that Zoom only offers free video conferencing up to 40 minutes for any given meeting.
4. Zoom also requires you to download and install the Zoom software which can be found here: [**https://zoom.us/download**](https://zoom.us/download)
5. For comprehensive help articles and videos please visit: [**https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us**](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us)



SKYPE

1. For detailed instructions, visit: [**https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/**](https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/)
2. Does not require any download or client.
3. Works through a web browser.



GOOGLE HANGOUTS

1. Requires a Google account.
2. Will work on a web browser or through Android/iOS clients.
3. For detailed instructions please visit: [**https://bit.ly/3d1dndS**](https://bit.ly/3d1dndS)

After trying one or more of these tools, if group leaders have questions or complications surrounding their use, please make sure to visit their respective support pages outlined above. Most of these tools have online “How-to” videos as well as specific answers to commonly asked questions.