

Community Life Church



Community Group Meeting Guide

A natural response in challenging times is seclusion. Don't do that. Continue to meet as a group, just not in person. God gave us community for a reason, so let's use it. We believe that community is important, especially now. You may need to make some changes, like when and what time you meet, so be prepared to discuss those details as a group as you move forward.

Meeting Online

There are several ways that your Community Group can continue to meet virtually. If your group has found a format that works well, please by all means stick with it. However, if your group hasn't had the chance yet to connect virtually we would recommend using Zoom. Zoom is an online video chat room that your group can use to meet and discuss the CG video for the week. The free version allows your group to meet for 40 minutes. Learn more at the Zoom website: www.zoom.us

Leading your Group

Your meeting may look a little different moving forward, but we would encourage you to embrace the newness. Here is a simple format to help you get started. (Group should have watched video ahead of time and be prepared to discuss questions before the meeting begins.)

Virtual Community Group Suggested Schedule (40 min)

Time	Activity
4:55	(5 min) The leader should login to Zoom.
5:00	(5 min) Meeting begins. The leader will need to direct traffic due to a limited amount of time. The leader should give each person 30 seconds for any necessary updates. If this isn't monitored you will burn all your time.
5:05	(25 min) Discuss questions sent out by c Life. Encourage your group to have thought through the questions ahead of time. Your 40 minutes will go quickly.
5:30	Prayer Time / Closing thoughts
5:35	Close meeting. Any critical information should not be saved to the last minute as there is no warning when your 40 minutes is up. Please front load all pertinent information.





Zoom Tutorial

Zoom is an excellent option for most groups. The only drawback to the free version of Zoom is a 40-minute time limit for groups but we don't think that will be a problem with our proposed scheduled for virtual meetings.

Setting up Zoom

(Click on links to view a video with further instructions)

Step 1: Create an account with www.Zoom.us

Step 2: Give Zoom access to your [camera and microphone](#).

Step 3: [Schedule a meeting](#) if you are the leader. You will then send a link to everyone in your group.

Meeting Time

Step 1: Click on the link sent by your leader.

Step 2: Click on the link no sooner than 5 minutes before your CG meets.

Step 3: Make sure you give Zoom access to your camera and microphone.

Step 4: Be willing to help others in your group who may need help troubleshooting.

{ For further questions always feel free to contact your Campus Pastor }



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

— Should our group continue to meet?

Absolutely, we need community now more than ever!

— Should our group stick with the same day and time?

We recommend that each group reevaluate the dynamics of the group and what changes need to be made.

— Do we really need to follow a schedule?

It is highly recommended to use a schedule due to the time constraints placed on using Zoom.