

DIGITAL SMALL GROUPS

Looking for the best platform for your small group to meet digitally? Here are a few we suggest.

ZOOM

Be Smart About Security Online – Whenever possible put a password on your meeting and any other recommendations the platform you're using suggests. [Here](#) are some of the recommendations if you're using Zoom.

- **Pro:** Only hosts are required to have a Zoom account. There is a Phone-in option.
 - Recording
 - Screen sharing
 - Breakout rooms
 - Chat
 - Works with all operating systems (*Internet Explorer not recommended)
 - **Con:**
 - Have to download Zoom application to phone or computer.
 - There is a 40 minute limit on the free version. The Zoom Pro plan (@\$15/mo) will let you have unlimited time.
 - **How to Use:**
 - Open Zoom in [web browser](#) or [mobile app](#) ([Apple device](#), [Android device](#), [Chrome web browser extension](#))
 - Login
 - Click "Host a meeting with video on"
 - Click "Invite participants"
 - You can copy URL or INVITE to send to others via text message, email, etc.
 - OR
 - Schedule a meeting on the Zoom website and send an invite to join at a specific time, including a link to the meeting. ([See Instructions](#))
 - [Watch Tutorial Videos created by Zoom on many topics or watch a Zoom tutorial on setting up a meeting.](#)
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GOOGLE MEET

[GOOGLE MEET](#) — [Help](#)

- **Pro:**
 - Screen sharing

- Chat capability
- Mobile and desktop capabilities
- Works on most operating systems
- Free

Con:

- Need a Google account (create one [HERE](#))
- Best on Chrome web browser
- No recording capability
- One-hour limit
- Phone-in option not available unless you have a business account

How to Use:

- Open Google Meet in web browser or mobile app ([Apple device](#), [Android device](#), [Chrome web browser extension](#))
 - Login
 - Click "Video Call" button
 - Click "Invite People" and type in their email address (if they don't have a Google account, it will send them an invite to setup an account)
 - [Watch video tutorial](#)
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FACEBOOK MESSENGER

[Facebook Messenger](#)

Pro:

- Accessible via web browser on a computer
- Can access with a Facebook account. (If you don't have a Facebook account, you'll need to [download the app](#) to your phone and use phone number.)
- Free

Con:

- Phone-in option not available.
- Must have a Facebook account
- No screen sharing

How to Use:

- Open Facebook Messenger on web browser or mobile app.
- Login (with Facebook account or phone number)

- Click “New Message” button to add Facebook friends to group chat
 - After adding contacts, click the “Video Call” button to start video chat.
 - [Watch 2 minute tutorial.](#)
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GroupMe

Facebook Group

Group Text

Group Email

Whatsapp

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