Using ZOOM for Small Groups, Sunday School or Wednesday Night Bible Study

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a video conferencing tool for virtual meetings and hangouts. It can be used for work and to livestream things like classes while we're all in self-isolation. Like Skype or FaceTime, Zoom allows you to see the users in a chat face-to-face, on a phone, tablet, or computer. As many as 100 participants can join a Zoom conference at once!

How to download Zoom

Zoom is a free platform, which means it can be accessed on any device with an app store. You can download it from the app store on your phone, on your computer, or on a tablet. You can download Zoom from the Apple Store if you have iOS or on Google Play if you have an Android.

If you have an iPhone, click "get" and then open once the app downloads; if you have an Android, click "install" then open the app once it's finished downloading.

Alternatively, you can download Zoom for your computer by visiting Zoom's online Download Center. (CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD TO YOUR COMPUTER)

Using ZOOM for meetings:

1. New meeting

This refers to creating a new meeting that will happen right now. Enable your video by clicking the down arrow, then invite people to the meeting.

2. Join a meeting

By clicking this button, you can join a meeting that is already in progress or that you have an invite to.

3. Schedule a meeting

Scheduling a meeting means planning one and inviting people in advance. Once you schedule a meeting, you'll see it pop up on your homescreen, like a calendar reminder. Zoom also allows you to sync up your <u>iOs calendar app</u> if you have an iPhone, that way you can receive the meeting notification on your calendar app, too.

4. Share screen

Zoom also has the option to share screen. Screensharing is essentially giving the other people in a digital meeting access to what you see on your screen. So, if you are giving a presentation, presenting a bible study, or sharing information, screensharing is a meaningful tool that allows everyone in the conference to see the same interface.