

Resources for Leading Online Bible Studies

We want to encourage and equip our Grow Groups and other Bible studies to continue meeting digitally in the coming weeks. It's more important now than ever to gather to study God's Word, pray and encourage one another. There are many technology resources that can make this possible. An overview of some recommended resources is below, and Eastminster staff will do their best to provide any help or tech support you might need in moving your group meetings to the digital space. If you need tech assistance, please contact support@eastminster.org.

All options listed below are free platforms.

UBERCONFERENCE - The church has a subscription to this video conference platform. It is ideal for groups with teaching as the leader has the ability to mute all participants in order to present (other platforms are designed more for group chat and you may find people talking over one another). It can be used via web browser or by calling a phone number for those without internet access.

If you wish to utilize Uberconference, please contact Hannah Roberts at hroberts@eastminster.org to receive the church's login information and instructions.

GOOGLE HANGOUTS - A video meeting platform. It allows you to video conference and live chat with participants. You must have a Google (or Gmail) account to use.

Click here to learn about getting started with Google Hangouts >>

Watch a video overview of Hangouts >>

ZOOM - Another online video meeting platform. It is free for groups of 100 or less for up to 40 minutes. If your group needs to meet for longer than 40 minutes, we recommend a different (free) platform.

Click here to learn about getting started with Zoom >>

Click here to watch video tutorials on using Zoom >>

FACETIME - For iPhone users, FaceTime is already built into your phone and you can have up to 30 people on one call. (An Apple product is required to use FaceTime.)

GOOGLE DUO - Google Duo is similar to FaceTime but will work on both Android and Apple devices (desktop and mobile). It allows video chat for up to 8 people. Download it from your app store or go to duo.google.com.

