



# Connecting with Your Community Online

Our mission at Oak Hills is to make disciples by guiding all people to follow Jesus moment by moment. We envision a community of disciples courageously engaging culture with the hope of Jesus where we live, work, learn, and play.

We know that spiritual transformation happens best in the context of Biblical Community. That's why we encourage everyone to join a community where they can be known, loved, cared for, encouraged, and challenged to follow Jesus moment by moment.

Groups are small communities gathering regularly to share life together and apply God's Word to real-life situations. Gatherings typically include prayer, fellowship, Scripture study, accountability, and hospitality. Groups meet anywhere locally or virtually online.

## Leading an Online Group

### STAY IN COMMUNICATION EARLY AND OFTEN

Let your group know that you're there for them. This is the time to pick up the phone or talk online.

#### Ask Meaningful Questions

- How are you doing?
- What are your daily rhythms?
- What passages of Scripture are you reading/praying during these days?
- Do you have any immediate needs?
- How can I pray for you specifically?

### SET UP VIRTUAL GROUP MEETINGS

- **Choose a Platform** | See the chart on the last page for suggestions.
- **Set a Time** | Choose a time to meet together online.
- **Invite Your Group** | Send a link for your meeting to the members of your group.
- **Read or Watch Prior to Group Time** | Ask group members to read the passages or watch the videos before your meeting.
- **Structure the Group Time** | Following a schedule will help the group stay on topic.
- **Pray Together** | Don't forget to pray for one another. Hearing people intercede on our behalf is a great way for us to encourage one another.

### RESOURCES TO USE

**Sermon Series Study Tools** | Visit [oakhillschurch.com/studytools](https://oakhillschurch.com/studytools) for a variety of study tools that support engagement with OHC's current sermon series.

**Group Resources** | Visit [oakhillschurch.com/community/resources](https://oakhillschurch.com/community/resources) for small group study recommendations.

**RightNow Media** | Use this streaming library of Bible study videos and digital resources for individuals, families and groups! Click [HERE](#) to register for your free account.

## Virtual Group Meet Etiquette

**Sound** | Be aware of where you are setting up the call in your home (are you around loud dogs, dishwashers, etc.). Everyone should know how to Mute and Unmute.

**Video** | Think about the angle. Are we seeing up your nose? What is behind you?

**Lighting** | We want to see you. Is there light behind you? Is there a window in front of you?

## The Latest from OHC

For the most current info related to ministry at Oak Hills Church visit [oakhillschurch.com](http://oakhillschurch.com).

On our website you'll find easy ways to get help, give help, get connected, worship, request prayer, and give to the work of Oak Hills Church. You'll also find quick links to resources for children, students, and parents.

Please update your contact information. Login through our website and update your contact information. Click on "Login" in the upper right-hand corner.

## OHC Worship Services

### In-Person

Find all the details on what to expect and how to prepare for in-person worship at [oakhillschurch.com/worship](http://oakhillschurch.com/worship)

### Online

Stream services online:



Website



App

FACEBOOK



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## Stay in Touch with the OHC Groups Team

We will be reaching out to all our group leaders, but don't wait for us. If you have a question, or need anything at all, don't hesitate to contact us directly.

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## Free Virtual Platforms for Group Meetings

<p><b>ZOOM</b></p> <p><a href="#">TUTORIAL</a></p>	<p><b>SKYPE</b></p> <p><a href="#">TUTORIAL</a></p>	<p><b>GOOGLE HANGOUT</b></p> <p><a href="#">TUTORIAL</a></p>	<p><b>FACETIME CALL</b></p> <p><a href="#">TUTORIAL</a></p>
<p><b>Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 Max Participants</li> <li>Screen Sharing</li> <li>Recording Capability</li> <li>IM Chat in Meeting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 Max Participants</li> <li>Screen Sharing</li> <li>Recording Capability</li> <li>IM Chat in Meeting</li> <li>Background Blur <i>(if you don't want people to see what needs to be cleaned up behind you)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 Max Participants</li> <li>Automatic Focus</li> <li>Screen Sharing</li> <li>Intelligent Muting</li> <li>Share Options in Call</li> <li>IM Chat Capability</li> <li>Recording Capability</li> </ul>	<p><b>Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 Max Participants</li> <li>Works on most Apple devices</li> <li>Record video calls</li> <li>Transfer video calls from computer to phone mid-call</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>Works with all OS</li> <li>Free signup</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>Works with all OS</li> <li>No signup</li> <li>No downloads</li> <li>Join meeting via shared link</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated with Google ecosystem</li> <li>Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>Works on most OS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apple mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>FaceTime call from group message conversation</li> <li>No signup</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The free version only allows for 40-minute meeting duration for 3 participants or more</li> <li>No toll-free dial-in numbers</li> <li>Need to download plugin prior to use</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small participant max</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need a Google account to access (free account creation available)</li> <li>Does not work well with non-Chrome web browsers</li> <li>No recording capability</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No IM chat during call. Done through messages</li> <li>No screen sharing</li> <li>Only works on Apple devices</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Best option for larger groups</p>	<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Easiest setup option for smaller groups with various Mobile and PC operating systems</p>	<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Best option for those familiar with Google Probably the worst option for most groups</p>	<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Best option for groups who already have an iPhone group conversation going with blue text bubbles</p>

## Additional Online Platforms

<b>CISCO WEBEX</b> <a href="#">TUTORIAL</a>	<b>MICROSOFT TEAMS</b> <a href="#">TUTORIAL</a>	<b>GOOGLE DUO</b> <a href="#">TUTORIAL</a>
<b>Features</b> 100 Max Participants Screen Sharing Personal Room	<b>Features</b> 500K Max Participants Screen Sharing Unlimited chat, video calling, file sharing, storage and more	<b>Features</b> Allows up to 12 people in a group video chat
<b>Pros</b> Don't need a Webex account to JOIN a meeting Can sign up for free account as a HOST All devices supported: desktop, iPad, iPhone, Android, all wearable devices	<b>Pros</b> Scheduled meetings Can meet anytime, anywhere	<b>Pros</b> Free to use Voice calling Easy way to video chat with group/ integrates with Google Home devices Unlimited time Works with all OS
<b>Cons</b> Free plan allows only 1 host Free version only allows up to 50 minutes for meeting time Need app to access	<b>Cons</b> Conducive to Microsoft users only Do need to download app to participate No phone calls or audio conferencing	<b>Cons</b> Cannot invite additional people to an existing group call Will need app on device being used Need a Google account
<b>Conclusion</b> Good option for larger groups	<b>Conclusion</b> Great for a larger group if you like the sequential, orderly environment	<b>Conclusion</b> Alternative to FaceTime if you are an Android user