

Here are some ideas for your small group to stay connected:

- Weekly Prayer Group Pairings (by small group)
- Weekly Zoom D-groups
- Driveway Encouragement Visits (with social distancing and masks)
- Doorstep Deliveries (baked goods, flowers, and other surprises)
- Specialized Zoom Bible Talks
 - a. Kid's BT, Women, and Men BT
- Daily Quiet Time Posts (on social media)
- Daily Scripture Text (by small group)
- Ministry Watch Parties (via Netflix Party or Watch2gether)
- Group Ministry Games (via House Party or Kahoot)
- Takeover Tuesdays (someone shares a-day-in-the-life over social media)
- Group Date Nights

Here are some apps that can help you stay connected:

Facebook Messenger: This Facebook app is primarily used for text chats, games, and money transfers, but it also has video and audio call features that can connect up to six people at once.

FaceTime: FaceTime is available on all iPhones, and only between iPhone users. It allows up to 32 people to join one video call.

Google Duo: Google Duo is available for Apple and Android phones and computers. Up to eight people can be included in one call.

Google Hangouts: Up to 10 people can participate in a video conference via Google Hangout, which is available on multiple platforms.

Skype: Good old Skype! You can't forget about this awesome app during the lockdown. It's a great (free) way to video chat with friends all over the world. Whether you have an iPhone, Android, or other kinds of smartphones, Skype works for everyone. Skype works similarly to Facetime, except you don't have to be an iPhone user so this is a great option if you're looking to video chat with friends who have different phone brands. Skype allows up to 50 people to participate in a call.

Zoom: With Zoom, you can have group video chats (up to 100 people) for free for up to 40 minutes. It's a little more private compared to House Party (because nobody can join your chat voluntarily) and it's great if you're looking for an app that allows you to have a clear, good quality conversation without glitches and problems with audio. A paid subscription, starting at \$14.99 per month, allows you to host longer meetings and more people.

Houseparty: The House Party app allows you to take part in group video conversations while also playing a ton of different games. And you can simply 'Join' in different house party chats going on. Just remember to lock your chat if you don't want any surprises in the virtual room. Whether you want

to play some trivia quizzes or simply see how many friends in one chat, House Party is a great way to connect with your small group. This app can host video chats with up to eight people.

WhatsApp: WhatsApp is popular for instant messaging but also has a video chat platform that allows up to four people to come together at a time.

Marco Polo: Marco Polo is unlike other video apps because you don't need to be live. You can send video notes (a bit like Whatsapp voice notes) but with your face, and you and your small group can reply in your own time. This is a great app for busy people who may be working from home, cooking up a storm in the kitchen, or those who have little ones to look after so they have less time to be around for video calls. It allows for virtual socializing to be more flexible, with less pressure to go on a live chat at a specific time. Marco Polo is great for people who have different schedules from others in the small group and it's also free with no time limit.

Netflix Party: Netflix Party allows you to have a movie night with your small group. It's a free Chrome browser extension you download on your computer. Once you've done that, you just navigate Netflix and pick the movie or TV show you want to watch. To invite friends to join your party, pause your show after it loads and click the red "NP" button. That will give you a unique link to send your small group so they can join your "room." Then you can watch your movie or TV show together — and even talk about it using the platform's chat tool.

Watch2gether: If you don't have Netflix but still want to hangout with your small group and watch videos online, Watch2gether lets you do just that. Head to the website and just "create a room" (no registration is required) and start watching video content from sources like YouTube, Vimeo, Dailymotion, and SoundCloud. You can also sign up for free and create an online nickname. That way you can start inviting your small group to rooms you can create, or join rooms that someone else has started.

Here are some group game apps for your small group:

- **Psych**
- **Bunch**
- **Kahoot**
- **Words With Friends**
- **Uno**

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