

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOURCES FOR GROUPS

In light of the many people who meet at different times in our building all throughout the week, we believe the wisest way to love them all is to limit their exposure to this virus in the following ways:

- **As of Monday, March 16th, all activities on our church campus will be suspended.**
- **As of Sunday, March 22nd our Sunday Worship Gatherings will be moved online at 10:55 am until further notice.** You can view our live stream each Sunday [HERE](#).
- **In addition, we will be closing all Hyland Heights buildings until further notice.** The exception will be staff and individuals whose work necessitates being on campus during this time.
- **We are recommending that you follow the CDC's limitations to group gatherings throughout this time.** We encourage you to find alternate ways to stay in biblical community with one another and to take advantage of those that we provide.

So, what does this mean for our life groups and other various groups who are used to gathering together in person on a regular basis? Below are a few recommendations for any such group and their leaders.

WHAT IS HHBC RECOMMENDING FOR GROUPS AT THIS TIME?

Our desire throughout this time is to help you stay engaged with one another and our church family. More importantly, we want to see our life groups continue to pursue biblical community in alternative forms during a time where meeting physically may not be wise.

We are actively encouraging group leaders to connect with their life groups on a regular basis in an online format—the end of this document contains a list of resources that you might use for such an endeavor. You can pray together, study the Bible together, and offer encouragement to one another. Make phone calls to members of your group, text frequently, email, or use other social media channels to stay connected.

Additionally, we are asking that our life group leaders continue to be a resource for connection and biblical study each Sunday by taking advantages of the resources below and continuing to send their regular content to the members of their life group in a digital format.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS TO USE DURING THIS TIME?

One particular resource that we believe can be an asset to your groups are the studies that have been made available to our church through Right Now Media. If you do not have access to the Hyland Heights Right Now Media account, getting connected is simple! Send us an email [HERE](#) and we will help you to access these resources. Many of our life groups are already utilizing Right Now Media for their weekly gatherings, and this can continue even in a remote setting.

In addition, during this time our pastors will be posting regular devotionals on our website [HERE](#), offering regular encouragement and training via our Facebook Page [HERE](#), and continuing to create and provide other resources that will help you to create many of the same (and new!) experiences in your home and with your peers that we have always enjoyed on campus.

WHAT SHOULD GROUP LEADERS DO FIRST?

We encourage you to start by putting together a plan for how you and your life group can stay closely connected to each other throughout a time where physically meeting together will not always be an option. Then, cast vision for your group and share your plan—clear communication between you and your group via email, text, or otherwise will be the key to success in creating biblical community during this time.

WHAT TOOLS CAN GROUPS USE FOR GATHERING ONLINE?

There are many ways for people to get together online, and we encourage you to find a method that works best for your life group! Below are a few free video conferencing products that we recommend for those of you who want to continue to meet together in a digital format.

- **JITSI.** If you have trouble using this platform, please visit Jitsi support at <https://jitsi.org/user-faq/>
- **FACETIME.** If you are having trouble using this platform, please visit the FaceTime support page at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT209022>
- **FACEBOOK MESSENGER.** If you are having issues using this platform, please visit the Facebook Messenger support page at <https://bit.ly/33j1UBY>
- **ZOOM.** For instructions to use Zoom, please visit <https://bit.ly/2U6wpHd>
- **SKYPE.** For detailed instructions, visit <https://www.skype.com/en/free-conference-call/>
- **GOOGLE HANGOUTS.** For detailed instructions, please visit <https://bit.ly/3d1dndS>