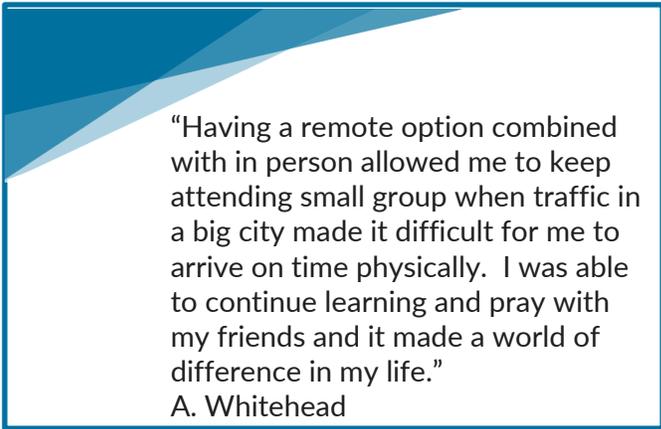


Using Technology for Hybrid Small Groups or Meetings

Yes, it is possible!! A few years ago, I was in a small group with some couples who had young children. This made it challenging for them to participate live. So, we decided to try a hybrid model and it turned out to be a great solution allowing parents to tuck their children into bed and still be a part of the group.

As we navigate our way toward live gatherings again, there may be some who are unable or hesitant to participate. “We are definitely going to face new challenges as we open up to in person meetings! It does seem that hybrid gatherings may be a more regular rhythm of future small groups.” says Sheldon Dyck, Pastor of Discipleship and Small Groups at Mississauga City Baptist Church.

The best platform is Zoom, but you can also use FaceTime, Google Meet or whatever platform you prefer. If you are using video, you will want to have the option to screen share.



“Having a remote option combined with in person allowed me to keep attending small group when traffic in a big city made it difficult for me to arrive on time physically. I was able to continue learning and pray with my friends and it made a world of difference in my life.”

A. Whitehead

WHAT DO YOU NEED:

- Computer, tablet or smart phone
- TV with HDMI input or wireless connectivity
- Zoom subscription or other meeting platform
- Stable internet connection

LET'S GET STARTED:

- Start up the platform on your device.
- Position your device
 - so people joining on-line will be able to see all or some of the people who are live.
 - everyone in the room can be heard.
- If you can, stream your device to a TV either via HDMI cable or wireless technology
- As a leader, remember to include those joining on-line as well as those in the room when asking for participation.