

Ways to Meet Safely in a Social Distancing Environment

As we gradually move back to meeting in person with our small groups, we must consider the needs of the individuals within our groups. It is important to be aware that not everyone in your small group will have the same comfort level with in-person gatherings, with some wholeheartedly embracing the idea and others feeling it best for them to remain somewhat isolated. Try to tailor your group meetings to what is best for YOUR group and not compare your path to reconvening with that of other groups.

Considerations when transitioning to In-Person meetings:

- Is it safe and acceptable for all involved? (People should not meet if not comfortable or at-risk)
- Can some still meet or call in remotely?
- Meetings of fewer people may help (either subgroup at same location, or different locations)
- How will you handle Childcare?
- Will you serve food/beverages? What precautions must be taken? (BYO or pick-up?)
- Is it ok for multiple people to use the Bathroom?
- Is there room for people to properly spread out?
- If meeting inside, do you have time to deep clean before/after the meeting(s)?
- Should/will group members wear masks, at least part of the time (when coming/going/mingling)?
- Be flexible. The rules, data and opinions may be reason to change.

Try out some of these ideas for connecting with your small group:



FUN ACTIVITIES

Driveway/yard Bible study meeting—sit 6' apart
Distanced drop-by visits
Backyard movie on big screen—Bring your own chair
Picnic at a park—Bring your own chair/blanket & food
Campfire
Outdoor sing-along
Ice cream social w/prepackaged ice cream treats
Concrete coffeehouse—Gather for coffee in a driveway



GET OUTSIDE

Go for a hike
Take a walk
Go for a bike ride
Canoe/kayak/pontoon
Help with gardening or yard work
Hammock
Play golf
Play tennis



LOVE TOUCHES/ DELIVERIES

“Party-In-A-Box”	Book
Coffee or coffee card	Root beer float kit
Flamingo a driveway	Beverage or treat delivery
Balloons, streamers or summer	Birthday flag or sign in a driveway
plant on a porch	Fun Kit (kite, bubbles, chalk,
Puzzle or Book Swap	puzzle, treat,...)
Chalk art	Zoom party or shower
Flowers	Be creative! Find reasons and ways
Puzzle	to celebrate!