

VIRTUAL GROUP SERVING, PRAYER AND ICE BREAKER IDEAS

Serving ideas/opportunities:

- Come alongside schools/teachers/families. Consider sending personal notes to teachers or contacting a local school to see what supplies/items are needed. Group members may know of a family in need. Consider sending notes of encouragement or collecting specific items the family needs.
- Gather on someone's deck, around a bonfire or in a park. Dress warm and bring donation items for a local charity. Have a group member or two deliver the items that were collected.
- Social activities are a great way for small group members to get to know one another better.

Prayer ideas:

- Prayer walks (meet at a park, at church, in a neighborhood). Walk and pray together.
- Weekly group prayer time (ie: Thursdays at 3 pm everyone prays for the group prayer list).
- Create a text message string for group prayer requests.
- Create prayer partners in the group. Partners can communicate with and pray for one another.
- Buzzer Beater prayer. When a zoom breakout room 60 second countdown is announced, challenge a group member to share a group prayer before the breakout ends or have everyone pop in with their quick prayer.

Virtual Ice-Breaker ideas:

- Virtual Story Cards and questions (available at <https://www.anthology.study/story-cards> at no charge)
- 60 second scavenger hunt to find 3 items in the house ie: toilet paper roll, wipes, an apple. Set a timer and tell everyone to return to the group with their items. Take turns sharing/showing.
- 60 second scavenger hunt to find 3 items in the house that start with the first letter of your name ie: Sharon could present a spoon, slipper and sock. Set a timer and tell everyone to return to the group with their items. Take turns sharing/showing.
- Ice breaker ideas to announce for the following week:
Ask each member to wear...
 - their favorite earrings...share why they are
 - their favorite lipstick or nail polish...share the color name of the product
 - their favorite ball cap...share why it is
 - their favorite sweatshirt...share why it is

It might be a good idea to send a reminder via text or email the day before:)

- “Whose Refrigerator Is It?” game:

Here’s how to play:

- Group members snap a photo of the inside of their fridge and send it to you.
 - During the meeting, use screen sharing to show one photo at a time.
 - Everyone chats about their guess. (“Look at all that Diet Coke! This has to be Jan’s!”)
 - Once you’ve reached a sort-of-consensus, the owner of that fridge is revealed and you move on to the next photo.
 - Repeat until your mood is boosted or your social time runs out!
- Virtual Show & Tell. To facilitate this show and tell, you can set a timer for one minute for participants to find “something within arms’ reach that is meaningful to you.” Each of your group members then has one minute to share about their object, including information like where they got it, and why they keep it.
 - With more people using emoji’s more often, you now also have a fun new category: your most used emoji’s. You can snap a screenshot of your phone or desktop, and then upload the list for your remote group members to see. Sharing which emoji’s you use and overuse can help create inside jokes. For example: why does Michael use the shrug so often?
 - Five finger showdown is a gem on a list of virtual team building activities, and a perfect icebreaker for large groups. For this game, everyone on your virtual call holds up one hand with five fingers extended. Then, either the leader alone, or group members taking turns list specific and unusual life experiences. For example, you could say, “has visited a beach this year” or “speaks more than one language.”

Here are some more fun prompts:

- Adopted a dog
- Ate ice cream in the last 24 hours
- Knows all the words to O Canada
- Visited three countries
- Knit something wearable
- Made pizza from scratch
- Can say thank you in at least five language

If a group member has the mentioned life experience, then they can put one finger down. Either the player that puts all fingers down first wins, or if you want a twist then the last player with fingers remaining up wins instead.

<https://teambuilding.com/blog/icebreaker-questions>