

Facilitating a ChristLife Course Online

ChristLife wants to help you find creative ways to use the gift of technology to continue building community and growing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether you want to start a ChristLife course or are in the middle of a course that was interrupted by COVID-19, here are some resources to move online what the Lord does through the ChristLife courses.

Let's continue to fulfill the task the Lord Jesus has given us and we believe he is leading the way! We look forward to hearing all that the Lord will do during this season. Nothing is impossible for him. Nothing! Our hearts cry, give us more souls to discover, follow and share the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparing for Your Online Small Group



Thank you for leading a ChristLife small group! The first step is to reach out to each of your group members and invite them to participate in an online small group. If you had already started meeting in person, we recommend scheduling it for the same date and time as your in-person meetings.

The second step, is to prepare your online gathering.

1) Set-up a small group meeting via Zoom.us, Google Meet, Skype, or other video conferencing software.

Note: Zoom provides free 40 minute meetings for up to 100 participants with break-out capability. You can sign-up to host a meeting here: www.zoom.us. Zoom also allows for people to call-in if they don't have video capability on their computer.

2) Ask your small group members to watch the talk online prior to your online small group. Talks can be rented for free at www.christlife.org/rentals.

Note: People will need to make an account on the ChristLife website to access free video rentals. Here are instructions for renting a video: youtube.com/watch?v=cbkSPSwjoxk

3) Connect into the meeting through the video conference software and facilitate your small group discussion using the questions in your facilitator guide!

Parishes that have purchased a printing license have permission to share the guides with anyone in their parish. If you are interested in purchasing a digital guide for your small group or for individual use, please contact ChristLife at info@christlife.org.

Quick Tips for Running an Online Small Group

1. Start off by explaining the schedule for the night: opening prayer, ice breaker, talk discussion, closing prayer. This might be brand new to some people, so it helps for them to know what to expect.
2. Lead the group in opening prayer, giving the evening over to the Lord.
3. Discuss the talk using questions from your small group facilitator guide.
4. Make sure you have enough light on your face and that you can see your entire face with a clean background.
5. Ask everyone to mute their microphones or phones when they aren't talking to avoid audio issues.

Sample Email for Continuing a Course Online

Small group facilitators can use the following email to reach out to their group members. Just change the content that is bold and italic with your specific information.

Hi everyone,

As you know, unfortunately, our ***Discovering Christ/Following Christ/Sharing Christ*** course has been ***postponed/canceled***. Our time together has been so wonderful, so we wanted to find a way to continue meeting. Instead of gathering at the parish, our small group will gather online at ***date/time***.

How will this work? Good question!

First, go to ***[URL HERE]*** and rent ***Video Name***. ChristLife has made their video rentals free during this time so that we can continue meeting. Be sure to watch the video prior to our meeting time!

Second, gather online with our group to discuss the teaching. I have scheduled an online meeting for ***date/time***. Follow these instructions to connect: ***[Zoom provides instructions to connect to your specific online meeting. Include them here]***.

I can't wait to continue ***Discovering Christ/Following Christ/Sharing Christ*** with each of you!

God bless,

Name