The EH Discipleship Course Online

How to run the EHD Course online with Zoom

It is so much easier to follow a conversation when you can see everyone. Though there are many video conferencing tools out there, we would recommend you or your Church create a paid Zoom account. Accounts are available for as little as $14.99/month/host at zoom.us/pricing.

With Zoom, everyone on the team and each guest can easily download the app on their computer, phone, or tablet and there is no cost for guests to do this.

1-12 Participants

• Create your meeting room - this should remain the same for your entire EHD Course.

• Share the meeting details – link, etc. with your team and guests, be sure to include the dates and times when you'll gather.

• At the appropriate time share the video from the hosts screen.

• At the conclusion of the video remain in your Zoom meeting for discussion just as you would in an EHD Course group.

75+ Participants

• If your EHD Course is over 75 people, using the breakout groups can be a bit tricky. We recommend either breaking your EHD Course into multiple Zoom calls or having each group host their own call and following the instructions given above for 1-12 participants.

To learn how to manage Zoom breakout groups click here.

12-75 Participants

• Create your meeting room - this should remain the same for your entire EHD Course.

• Share the meeting details – link, etc. with your team and guests, be sure to include the dates and times when you'll gather.

• Utilize the breakout room function on Zoom to build your small groups – including hosts and helpers.

**This can be done in advance if team members and guests are invited to participate through Zoom. Otherwise you'll need to create the groups behind the scenes as people join the call.

• At the appropriate time share the video from the hosts screen for the entire group.

• At the conclusion of the video send everyone into the pre-assigned breakout groups to allow for group discussion as they would on an evening of the EHD Course.

• At the conclusion of discussion group return participants from their breakout rooms to watch the closing summary video as a group. Review the following weeks preparation. Close in prayer. Just be sure you don't end the call before your groups finish their discussion.

What to Think About When Planning an On-Line EH Discipleship Course

Online Hospitality

Even though groups are meeting online, you can still put a strong emphasis on hospitality.

- **Communicate Well:**
  Course Point Leaders: Send a weekly email re-capping the week's session and participants homework for the upcoming session. Look for sample emails in the EHS and EHR Course Session Planner in the **Leader's Resource Vault**.

  Table Leaders/Breakout Rooms Leaders: Create a group text chat, Zoom group, etc. to stay connected with your Breakout Room Group. Encourage them through the week through prayer, assignment reminders and respond to their questions.

- **Session Engagement:** As the Point Leader and Table Leaders/Breakout Room Leaders it is important to be engaging right from the beginning of the online session – saying hello, asking questions, being present with participants as they join. Avoid the silent downtime to keep excitement and enthusiasm high creating an environment of community.

- **Chat Functionality:** Encourage participants to utilize the chat function to comment and ask questions during the large group session and video. Other questions can be asked in the Table Group/Breakout Room.

Host Preparation

- **Internet Connection:** Make sure you have a strong internet connection. If possible, plug directly into an ethernet cable.

- **Equipped with Resources:** Make sure to have the session video and PowerPoint accessible to do screen share with the group. Each participant should bring their book, workbook and Day by Day for group discussion.

- **Table Group/Breakout Room Discussion:** Follow the Guidelines for Table Groups as out lined in the *Level 1 Training for Table Leaders* found in the **Leader's Resource Vault**.

- **Modifications:** The EHS & EHR Course sessions are 2 $^{1/2}$ hour sessions to allow time for all questions, discussion and a short break. You may want to shorten the time for your group to $1^{1/2}$ to 2 hours eliminating the break time and shortening some of the discussion time. Be sure not to miss the core theme and questions critical to the session theme. Refer to the EHS & EHR Session Planners in the **Leader's Resource Vault**.

Ensure Quality Discussion

- Ask all participants to be on video.
- Ask all participants to join from a quiet environment.
- Ask all participants to unmute during Table Group/Breakout Room discussion. This allows for a more organic, free-flowing conversation.
- Ask participants to not use green screen backgrounds to create a more natural environment.