

FaithBIT



Pandemic Faith Group

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The last time our Faith Group met face to face was February 15, 2020. We had Faith Group scheduled for March, however COVID-19 had other ideas about groups gathering together. We've really missed having intentional time to connect...it has been hard! I was missing our time together and didn't really think about other options to connect.

Last week Tammy Vergeront texted me and said "Hey, let's have a Zoom Faith Group!" Why didn't I think about this option?

Our group met Saturday, May 16th. Highs and lows were shared along with prayer concerns, smiles, love, tears and virtual hugs. We are meant to be in community; to care and love each other!

It's important for us to find new ways to gather in small groups and continue to see each other's faces, as well as support and pray for one another. In our Faith Group alone people have been experiencing job losses, distance learning, long hours at work, isolated family members, sick parents and grandparents, to only name a few of life's challenges!! We have so missed our small group connecting and praying for one another! This support and care for one other is even more important now as we have been sheltering in place.

Faith Group leaders, setting up a Zoom Faith Group is a simple thing to do! Find the date and time that works best for your group and email Kim Rathjen (kim@immanuel.us) she will send you as the Faith Group leader all the info you need to set up a Zoom meeting, forward those details to your group and gather in a new way!! Immanuel has a Zoom membership so no 40-minute time limits on meetings!

After meeting with our Faith Group on Saturday and listening to Pastor Paul's sermon on Sunday I am left with profound feelings of love for my Immanuel family! I miss you all so much. This time will pass, and we will gather again, but until then continue to be intentional about finding new ways to be together! Scripture really reinforced that this week!

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Note: If you're not in a Faith Group but have a group of friends from church that you'd like to connect with, please ask kim@immanuel.us to set you up for a Zoom meeting!