

Using Digital Technologies for Faith Formation





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Poll Questions

- How are you feeling?
 - Resolved
 - Hopeful
 - Fearful
 - Overwhelmed
 - Other



Poll Questions

- How much experience do you have using online platforms for faith formation?
 - Not yet
 - Once
 - A few times
 - Some experience
 - Expert and should be teaching this webinar



Start with your WHY

- Why even attempt online faith formation options?
 - Institutional Maintenance/Survival?
 - Live into baptismal commitments?
 - Maintain relationships?
 - Deepen relationships?
 - Foster new spiritual practices?
 - Maintaining Connections?
 - Reach new people?



Theological Grounding



- Relationships
- Relationships
- Relationships



Biblical Grounding

“And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25



Biblical Grounding

“Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house’s doorframes and on your city’s gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



Biblical Grounding

“We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15:23b-24



CONNECTION OVER PERFECTION

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WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 A



Gifts of the digital world



Explore Options and Experiment



BE CREATIVE!



A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. In the background, several hands are raised, suggesting a group activity or a religious service. A semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

**Focusing
on Faith
Formation**





Will you nurture one another in
the Christian faith and life and
include these persons now
before you in your care?





*Discipleship
begins with
relationship.*



Flipped Classroom

TRADITIONAL

FLIPPED



lecture



**homework
activities**



lecture



**classroom
activities**





FAITH FORMATION					
Inspiration					
Promotion					
Information					
Absent					
	TRADITIONAL Gathered in person with online content.	EXTENDED Gathered in person with online content used to prepare and/or extend learning.	FLIPPED Learning begins online. Gathered time is used for discussion and/or group projects.	MOSTLY ONLINE Learning and discussion are online with occasional opportunities to gather.	FULLY ONLINE Online experiences with no gathered experiences.

This Matrix Was developed with information from two articles:

Rendell, Jared (2015). "Digital Faith Formation" accessed online: <https://vibrantfaith.org/2015/04/digital-faith-formation/>

Roberto, John (2015). "A New Faith Forming Ecosystem Part 6: Digitally -Enabled Faith Formation" <https://vibrantfaith.org/2015/04/a-new-faith-forming-ecosystem-part-6-digitally-enabled-faith-formation/>

Thinking like we are in-person



- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Preparation
- ✓ Lesson
- ✓ Reflection
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Testimonies
- ✓ Announcement
- ✓ Silence
- ✓ Breakout groups
- ✓ Other Ideas?



Encouraging Participation Online



Polls
Sharing times
Eliminate Distractions
Mute as needed
Sharing Screens
Other ideas?



Unique to Online



Have dedicated tech person?
Check lighting/background for video
Muting microphones
Distractions
What can we accomplish?



PLATFORMS

zoom



PROS

Multiple Platforms
Multiple levels of cost

Ease of use

Stable

Recording

CONS

Cost for more participants
and options



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Google Hangouts

PROS

Multiple Platforms

Free - Gmail

Ease of use

CONS

Not as stable



PLATFORMS



Facebook Live

PROS

Multiple Platforms

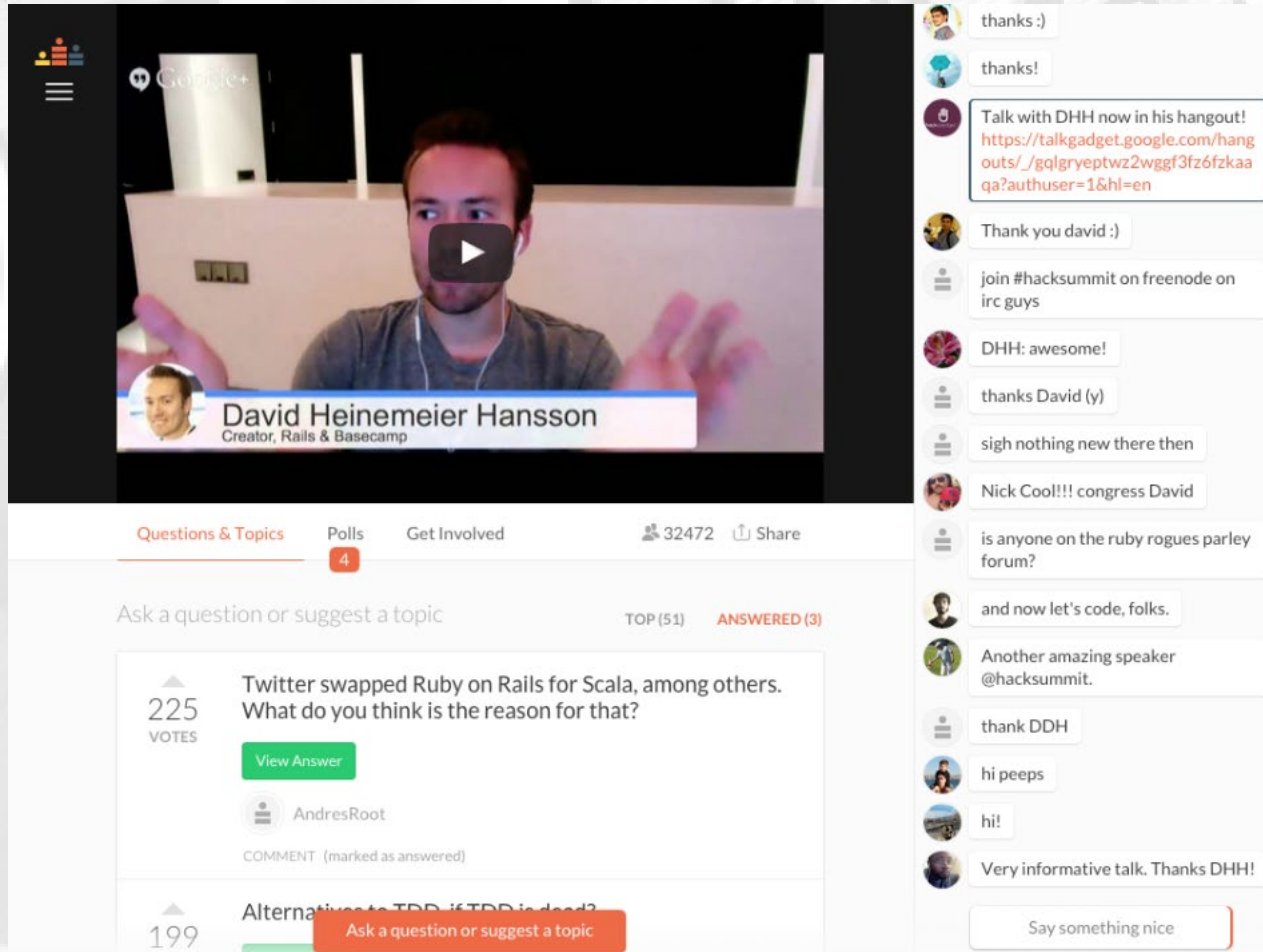
Accessible

Ease of use

CONS

Not as participatory

PLATFORMS



The screenshot shows a Google+ Hangout interface. On the left, a video player shows David Heinemeier Hansson speaking. Below the video, his name and title 'Creator, Rails & Basecamp' are displayed. To the right of the video, a list of chat messages is visible, including 'thanks :)', 'thanks!', and a link to a hangout. Below the chat, a section titled 'Questions & Topics' shows a question about Twitter swapping Ruby on Rails for Scala, with 225 votes and a 'View Answer' button. Another question about alternatives to TDD is partially visible.

Crowd Cast
PROS
Multiple Platforms
Integration
CONS
Cost

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Skype

TechSoup.org

Offering deal to churches (501-3c)



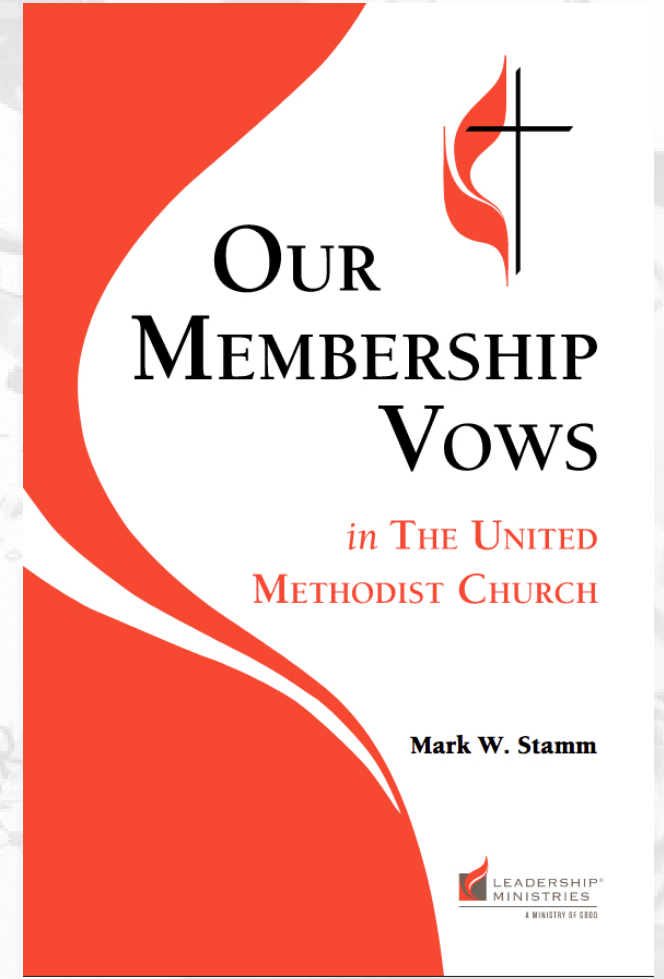
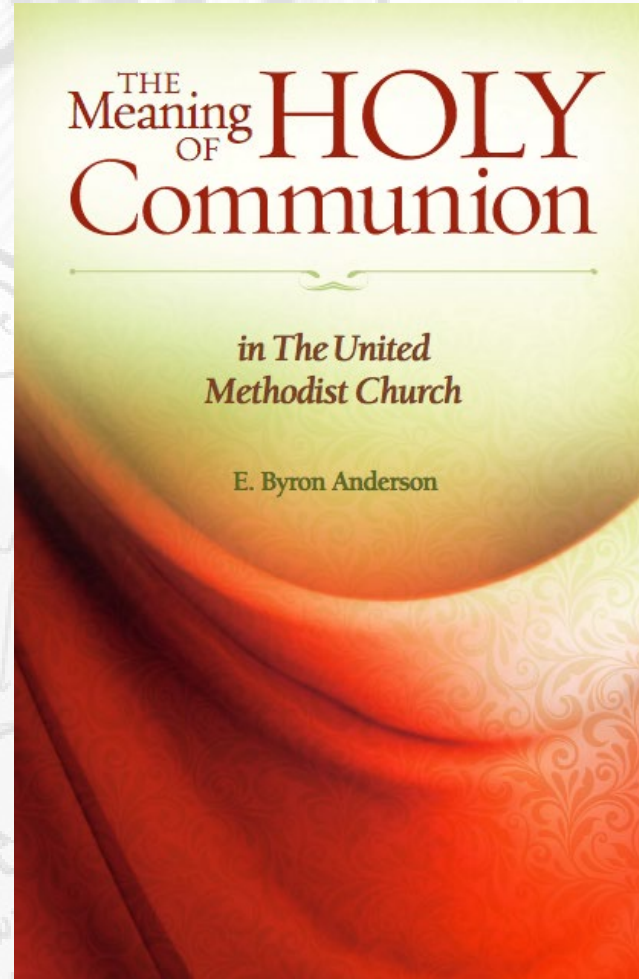
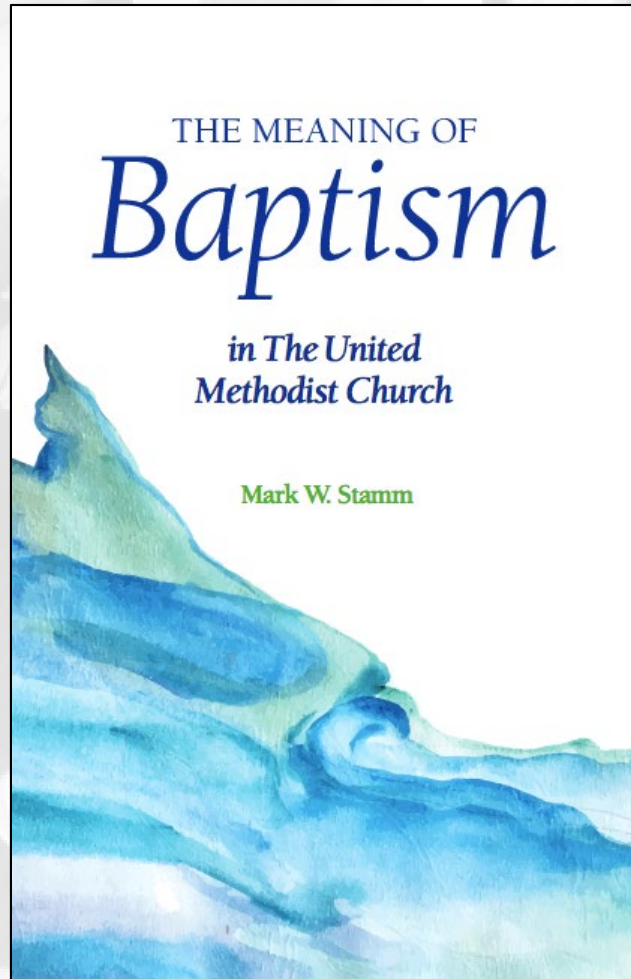
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What are your experiences with various platforms?

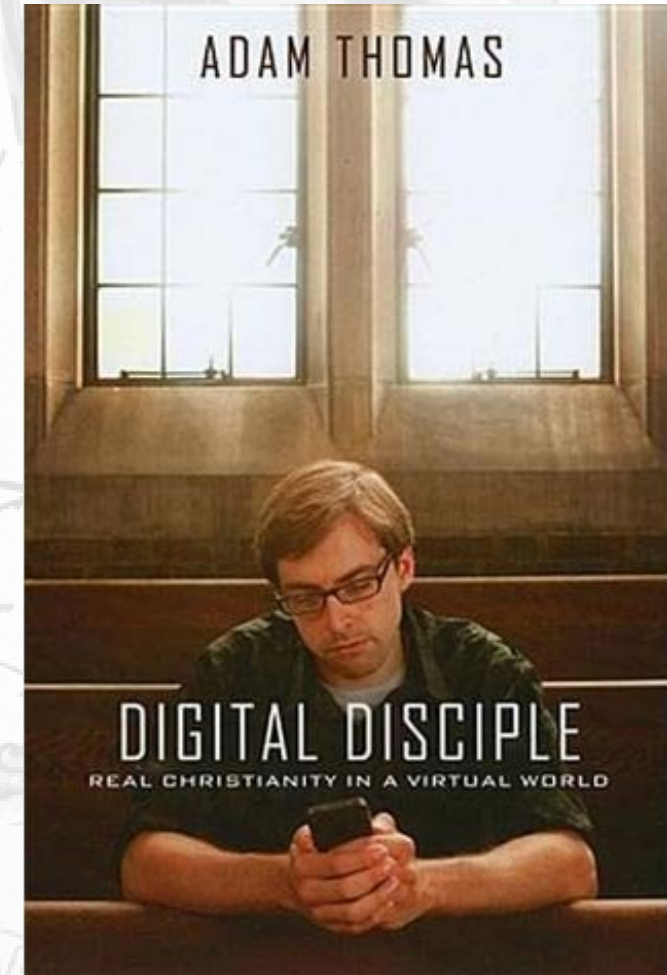
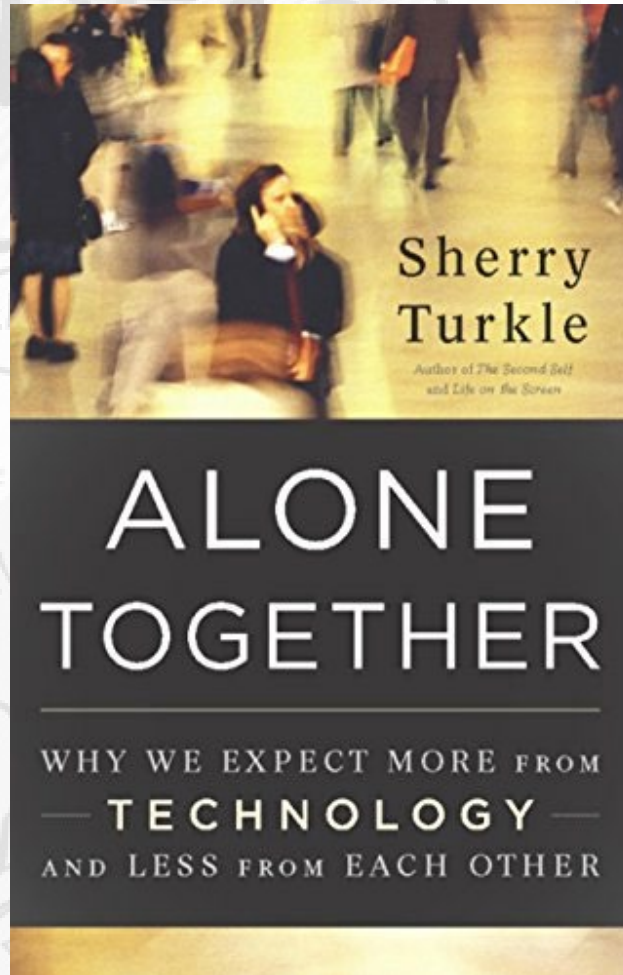
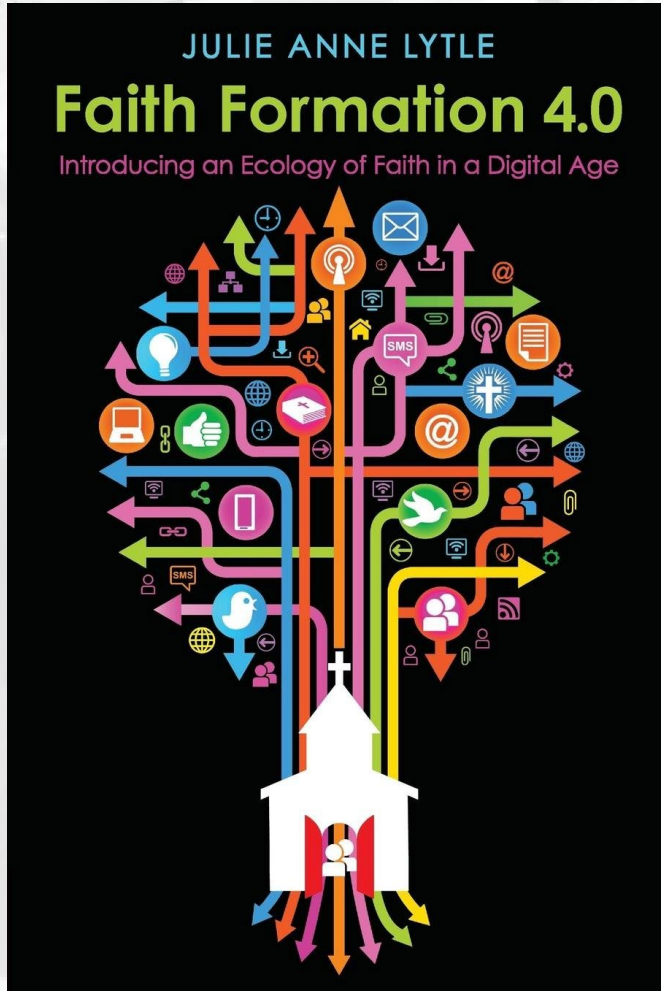


Thank You!

Resources



Resources



Upcoming Webinars

April 22, 2020, Noon Central

Five Things to Know to Minister to Individuals with Early Dementia (with Peggy Bargmann)

April 23, 2020, 6:30pm Central

Stewardship in the Second Half of Life (with Rev. Clayton Smith)



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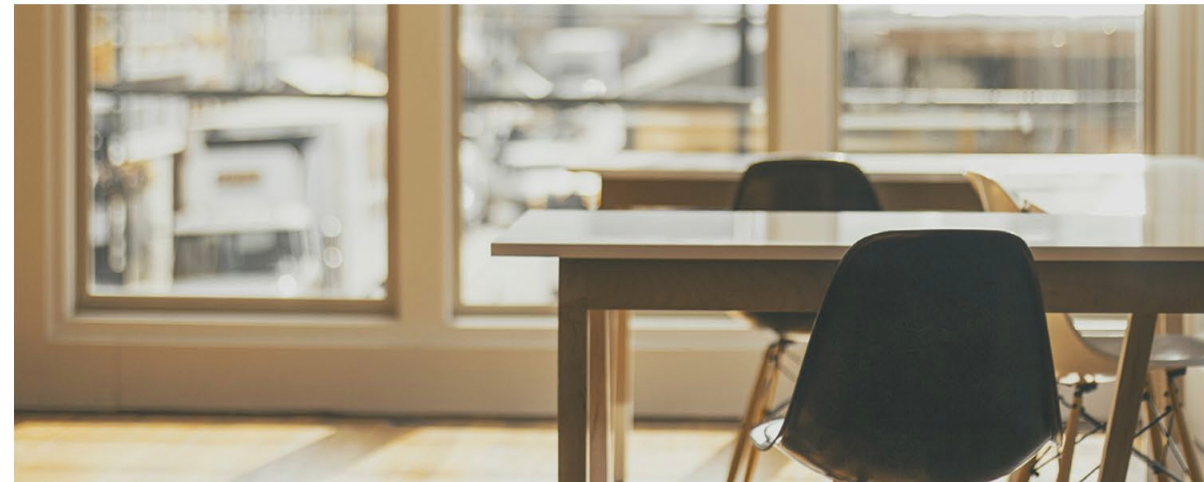
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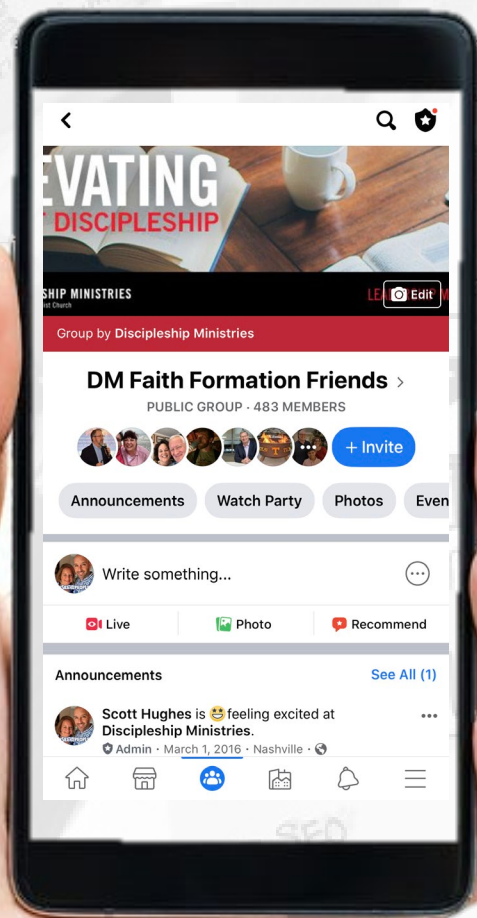
1. Review our collection of online courses.

Upper Room

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Private Online Classroom





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