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MANY of you are using Zoom for your small group meetings – and that's fantastic! Way to go! We are so thankful for your shepherding of your group members during these days of physical isolation, and want you to know we are praying for you often as you lean in with your people.

Unfortunately, there are a few individuals/groups out there that have decided they want to interfere with Christians and churches using Zoom, and are randomly accessing Zoom meetings to post disgusting and offensive material. Therefore, we would recommend you begin to use one (or both) of the following security measures going forward when you book/host Zoom meetings online:

1. When scheduling a Zoom meeting, there is an option available for you to assign a **password** that would be required for group members who are using the Join A Meeting option and manually entering the Meeting ID #. If you choose to do this, the password will be automatically be included in the meeting invite email that you send out (so if you text them the details, you will need to include the password). When they type in your Meeting ID# to enter the meeting, it will prompt them for this password.

2. The other security feature that is available when scheduling a Zoom meeting can be found down in the Advanced Options section – and it is the "Enable Waiting Room" feature. This will not allow anyone to enter the meeting without the host first granting permission – which then helps ensure that you know everyone coming into your Zoom meeting. This can be used with or without the password feature – and we would highly recommend you always use the feature from now on – it gives you (as host) complete control over who is allowed to enter your meetings.

If you have any questions about these features, or need any other help with operating Zoom, please call or text Pastor Greg at 780-616-1055 anytime!