



## BLACKHAWK WATCH PARTIES VIRTUAL HOST GUIDE

Establishing a weekly rhythm together  
[www.blackhawkchurch.org/watchparty](http://www.blackhawkchurch.org/watchparty)

*A Watch Party is a group of people who meet (virtually or in-person) to experience an online service together. Our prayer is that these shared experiences will foster connections and encourage each of us in our individual faith journeys as we grow closer to Jesus as a community.*

*We want to provide you (a potential host!) with the tools you need to host a worship experience right where you are for people in your community.*

### HOW DO I HOST A WATCH PARTY?

**1. Choose your Watch Party space.** Pick a platform that works for your group. We like to use Zoom and Microsoft Teams, but feel free to use your preferred platform. (If you use Zoom, keep in mind that the basic account limits meeting times to 40 minutes.)

**2. Set a date and time for your Watch Party.** Our live streams are at 9 am, 11 am, and 6 pm on Sundays, but you can watch the sermon any time after 9 am that Sunday on YouTube and after 1 pm on our website.

**3. Invite people to your Watch Party and communicate details so that they know what to expect.** You choose who you invite and how many. There are some optional graphics on you can include in your invitations on our Watch Party page.

*Be sure to send your guests the meeting ID and password or link to join the meeting, and let them know if they need to download an app beforehand.*

**4. Plan your set-up.** Try a test run before your gathering. Make sure you have a plan for sharing your screen or syncing the video on all devices so everyone can experience the sermon at the same time.

**5. Enjoy the experience!** There will also be a few discussion questions to get your group thinking about how to apply the Sunday message takeaways throughout the week.

**6. When the service is over, encourage people to make connections.** Exchange contact info, check out serve opportunities or life groups together, and share any faith renewals or commitments with each other. Let us know how we can support connections happening in your group!

**Things to know as a Watch Party Host.** People may ask you questions during your Watch Party time. Here is some helpful information and language you can paste in the chat or share with your group as needed.

- If you have any questions, you can contact us through our website.
- (For virtual Watch Parties, when applicable) We are going to celebrate communion together as we worship today. Have some bread and juice on hand, or make do with what you have.
- If you have kids, don't forget to check out the awesome resources our BKids team put together!
- If you'd like support with any spiritual, emotional, mental, relational, or physical needs, contact Care ministry, and they will be in touch.

## FAQ

### **How are Watch Parties different from Life Groups?**

Watch Parties are a place to worship and watch a sermon with a small group of people in your community. You can participate in a Watch Party in addition to, instead of, or with your Life Group!

### **What about kids?**

As a host, plan ahead and work with your Watch Party group to figure out how you would like to navigate church at home with kids. Whatever you decide, be sure to check out the amazing resources our BKids team has created for families.

### **Can we \_\_\_ at our In-Person Watch Party?**

Follow the Blackhawk gathering guidelines (which are up-to-date with all CDC and local requirements and recommendations). You should plan to be distanced at least six feet from non-household members and wear masks any time you're inside with others. If you have any questions, contact us and we can help you determine how to gather safely.

### **What if someone tests positive for COVID?**

If someone in your In-Person Watch Party group tests positive for COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider to determine what response is appropriate for your family and situation.