

THE *Big 3*

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Here are three key things to believe and consider about asynchronous discipleship...

1. **It is not a “forsaking of the gathering of the saints” when we gather online or even asynchronously.** God has given us new ways and tools to connect as humans throughout history, and we can embrace these things! Stop seeing the internet either as an enemy or as only a way to stream your old programs and preaching. Many people today cannot imagine how their relationships would suffer if they did not have things like Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, or Twitter to stay connected with friends and family throughout each day. Embrace this for the sake of the Gospel!
2. **The Kingdom of God moves at the speed of relationship.** Building trust with others whether it be in person or online is key to making disciples of Jesus. Removing any barriers to the growth of these relationships is honoring to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to move past your own preferences, past experiences, or traditions to engage in new forms of discipleship.
3. **Pick one or two new asynchronous or hybrid methods to try out in your discipleship mix this week.** And don't forget to empower more and more of your “volunteers” to take initiative and ownership of new types of online and asynchronous communities within your larger church body. Give permission for people to lead and disciple others in areas of their lives that they are mature in and have passion for. How awesome will that be for you as things progress back toward the “new normal”?!

In light of this topic, you might find this helpful:

[Are You Really a Friend of Sinners?](#)

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