It’s hard to plan when we don’t know what the future holds. But one thing is for certain—we still want to spend time with Scripture and, if possible, one another. We hope our LRSS resources can help as you and your Bible study group look forward to studying God’s Word together this fall, whether in person or online.

**STEP 1: How will you meet?**

Your answer to this question will vary based on where you live and what is happening in your community and parish. If you have a small group, you may be able to meet in a safe, socially-distanced setting. If not, your group may already be using Zoom or may be willing to give it a try. Your group could also try breaking up into smaller groups, meeting outdoors, or sharing in your study in other ways such as phone calls, emails, or Facebook groups. Our Special Resources page has ideas that can help, including clear instructions for how to use Zoom for online Bible study.

**STEP 2: What will you study?**

For those engaging in online Bible study this fall, we especially recommend the following:

**New Editions**

These are 4-6 week studies that include access to free online lectures. If your group is meeting online, you can watch the video lectures together by sharing your screen. Or individuals can watch the video lectures on their own time.

**Alive in the Word**

These short, topical studies are great for groups that are new to online Bible study, or for small groups that only want to meet a few times. Each Alive in the Word book is just 3 sessions and includes plenty of material for study, reflection, and discussion.
You'll find a wide variety of topics available in both of these series. Check them out on our website, view our online catalog, or request a paper catalog sent to your home or parish.

**STEP 3: How will you prepare?**

If your group will be using Zoom for the first time, you'll want to be sure participants have had a chance to practice using Zoom. You may want to meet for a brief social gathering before your Bible study begins to be sure that everyone can successfully connect. Feel free to share the instructions and video links we have available on our LRSS Special Resources page for how to host and join a Zoom meeting.

You'll also want to plan out how to use your time online as the flow will be a bit different than meeting in person. This may take some experimenting, but you can start with a basic plan and adapt as you go. Read one experienced online Bible study facilitator’s advice here.

If your group is able to safely meet in person, you may want to have a back-up plan in place in case your gatherings are discontinued for any reason. Your group may wish to discuss options at your first gathering.

**STEP 4: Order materials, explore ideas, or ask for help.**

Our customer service team is available at 1-800-858-5434, or you can reach the Director of Little Rock Scripture Study, Amy Ekeh, at aekeh001@litpress.org or 320-363-2081. We are here to help. The months ahead are uncertain, but God’s enduring Word will remain a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.