

Tips for filming from home

Thank you so much for being willing to do some filming for our online ministry. Your contribution really helps to build community at a time when we can't physically get together.



This document will give a few tips to make the process

easy not only for you but for those who may need to edit it. *On this note, if anyone has editing skills and would be willing to share them, we would love to hear from you – thank you!*

- 1) Please film in **landscape orientation**. This will match the shape of a TV/screen and make the picture bigger for people to see. This will be easy if you are filming from your computer or a video camera (or stills camera that can record video) – if you're using a tablet or phone you will need to orient the device to landscape and confirm that it is recording this way.
- 2) Please try to film at a **'frame rate' of 25 frames per second (fps) and an 'MP4' or 'MOV' file**. If you have no idea what I am talking about that's fine – just film with what you have. However, if you can access the settings of your device you may be able to check for this. Some will give you option of 30 FPS which isn't ideal for us. Again, if you cannot find these options that will be OK it will just mean a little more work from our end.
- 3) If you are filming yourself speaking or someone else speaking to the camera **try not to film it up against a wall**. Try the middle of room where you can create some distance between the subject speaking and the background. It just looks a little better. Of course, if you are filming from a computer you may not have that option. Check also to see that the person is framed well in the shot. Do not film against a window if it is a bright day as your subject will be dark. You could turn around and utilize the light from the window so it shines on your subject you are filming.
- 4) When filming someone speaking, try to leave a **three to five second gap of silence** after to press record before you speak and also leave a couple of seconds at the end. This helps us with the editing and ensures we don't miss your first or last words. This is especially important if you are **recording an interview via Zoom**. Zoom takes a second or two to switch over from one speaker to the next. So if you are not intending to be in the Zoom video of the person you are interviewing you may need them to speak to get the video to switch over to them but then pause for five seconds before they answer your question. This will ensure the video will be of them as they speak and not you listening to them.
- 5) If you own an **external microphone** you can clip onto the person speaking and plug into your device/ computer that is generally better quality than the built-in microphone on a device.
- 6) Finally, please use [this form](https://tinyurl.com/upload-files-to-coro) (tinyurl.com/upload-files-to-coro) to upload your files to our Google Drive.

Thanks everyone - hopefully this is helpful. Please get in touch if you want to talk this through or you have any questions 😊

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