Zoom has a robust breakout groups tool. You can reuse the same groups throughout the session or create new groups as needed.

Options

Click the **Options** button (gear icon on Mac or browser) after you create rooms and before you Open All Rooms.

1. **Participants self-select a room.** This works well when they know which group is theirs and you are using the same groups across multiple sessions. You can make corresponding Canvas groups, which appear on the student’s home page of your course. If participants are using a web browser instead of the Zoom client, they may not be able to join a room, but you can manually move students with difficulties.
2. **Participants can return to the main room.** This works well for one student to enter the main room with questions and then return to their group. Participants can also request help from within the breakout room.
3. **Moves participants into the breakout rooms, so they do not need to click a Join button.**
4. **Rooms are timed.** This works well so the host does not need to keep track of the time. Participants and host can see a timer.
5. **Notifies the host before closing the room.** You can choose to keep the rooms open or Close Now.
6. **Provides a brief time before rooms close.** Participants can stay in the room until the end of the time or return to the main room right away.