INTRODUCTION
TodaysMeet is a backchannel chat platform app that is identified as a teaching tool.

TOOL IDENTIFICATION
This tool is comparable to the Blackboard discussion board with the added capability of being able to easily print the transcript to find common themes and offers ease of use on a mobile device. The app allows for synchronous and asynchronous threaded discussions. There is a character limit similar to Twitter.

HOW TO GET THE TOOL
The tool can be accessed at:

www.todaysmeet.com

The instructor chooses to create an account, and the sign in requires an email address and a created password. The next step is to name the classroom, and set the time period it will be available.

I made a room available to view and it can be located by following this link, or the QR code:

http://today.io/sdn9
HOW TO USE THE TOOL
I have found this tool to be useful for backchannel discussion during a longer video of 7 minutes or more. The app created efficiency by having the discussion during the video instead of after. The students accessed the app classroom by the link and/or QR code placed in Blackboard or in a slide displayed on the projector screen. The QR code and link for each app classroom can be found by clicking on Room Tools. I observed that many of the students chose to use their mobile device to access the app via the QR code and I also noticed that the tool engaged the more reserved students in the classroom. In addition, I used my mobile device to post instructions and facilitate the discussion during the video.

Additional applications of this tool I have observed are:

- Backchannel discussion of questions that are embedded into a slide presentation
- A round-robin style of discussion on a topic or statement
- A deeper discussion of major topics first identified in a chalk talk session
- A chat room for discussion between groups
- Multi-site application

CONCLUSION
The students reported that they liked using the app and I found it to be another effective avenue for student engagement in my classroom.