

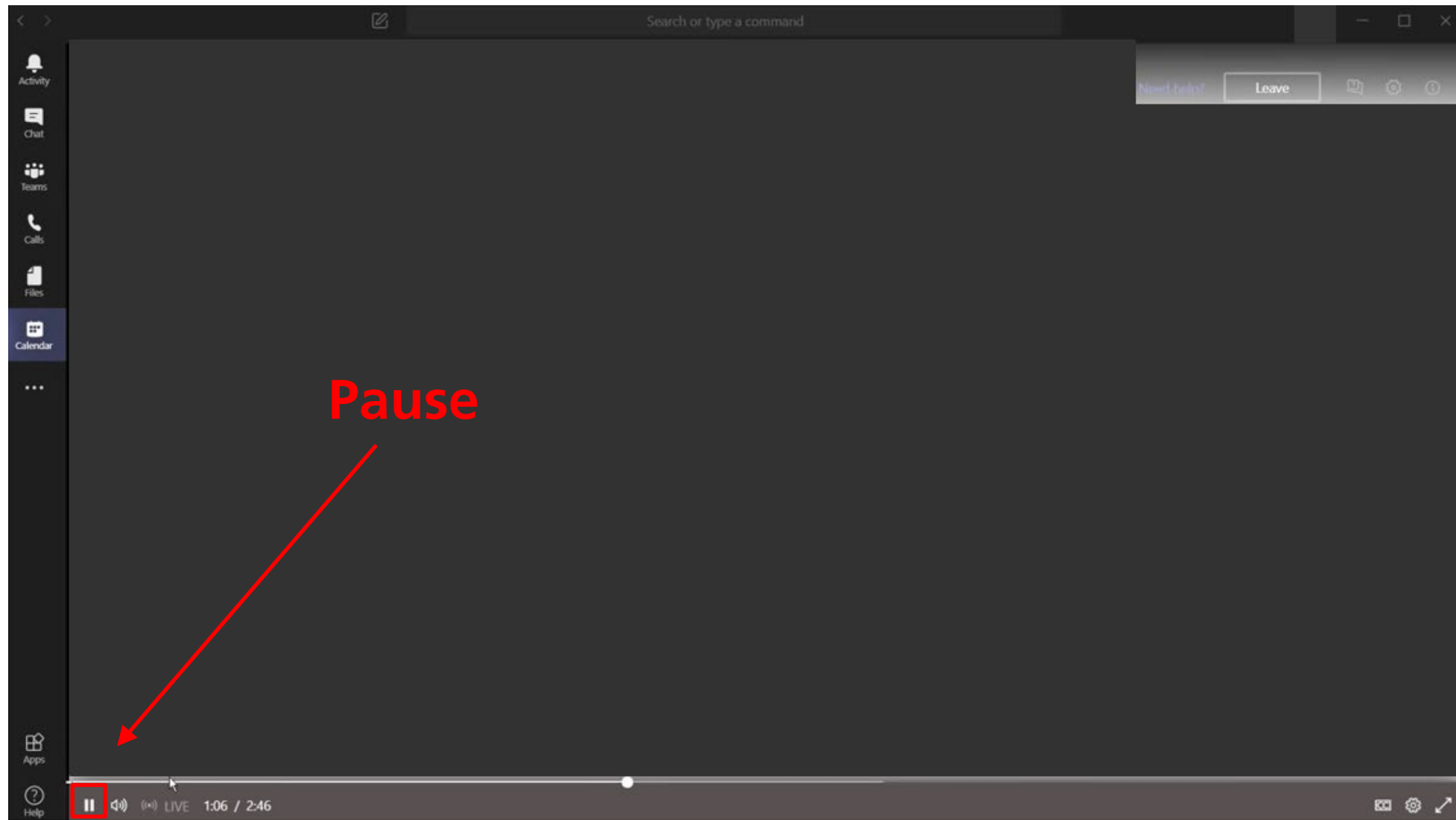
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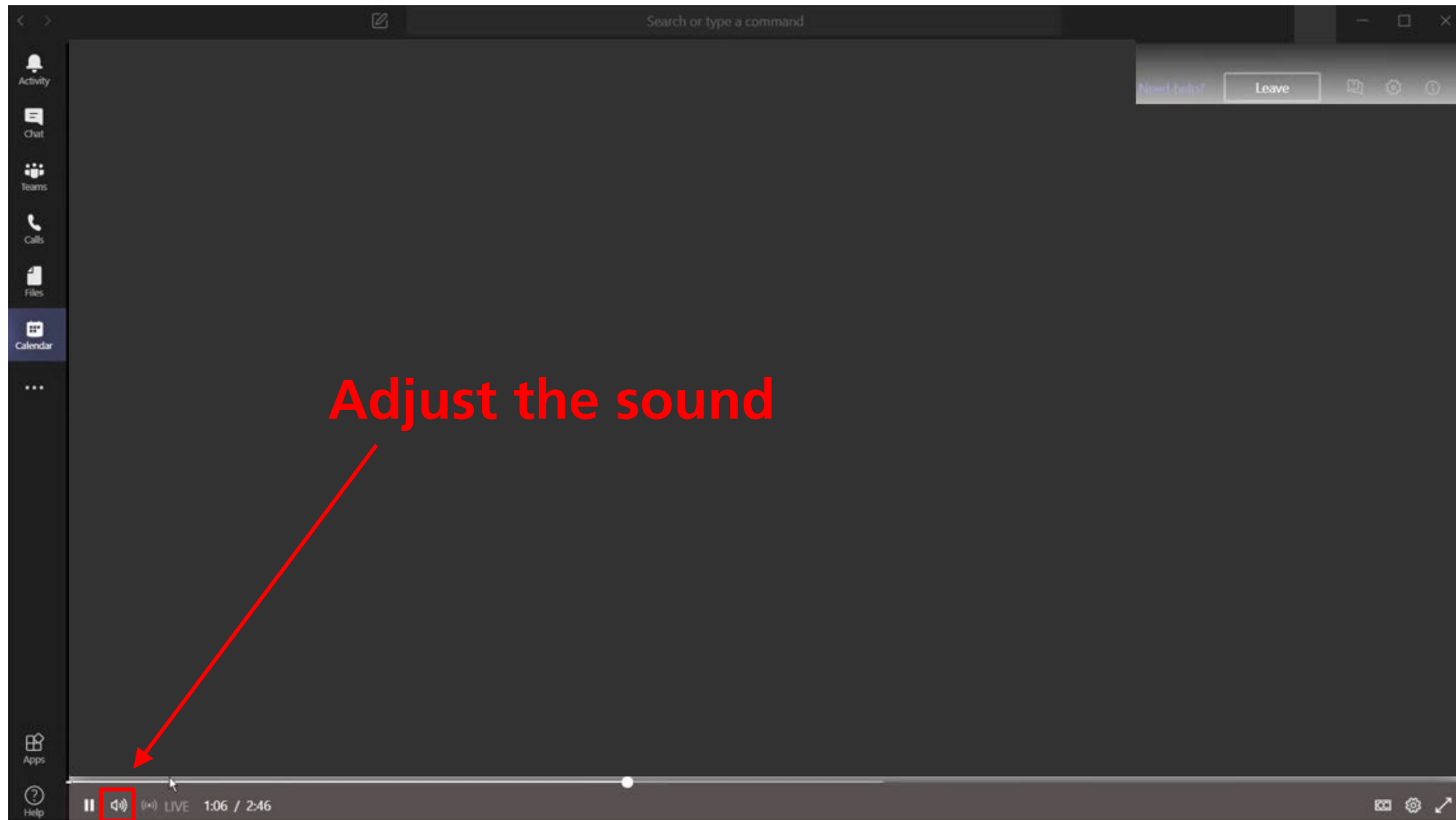


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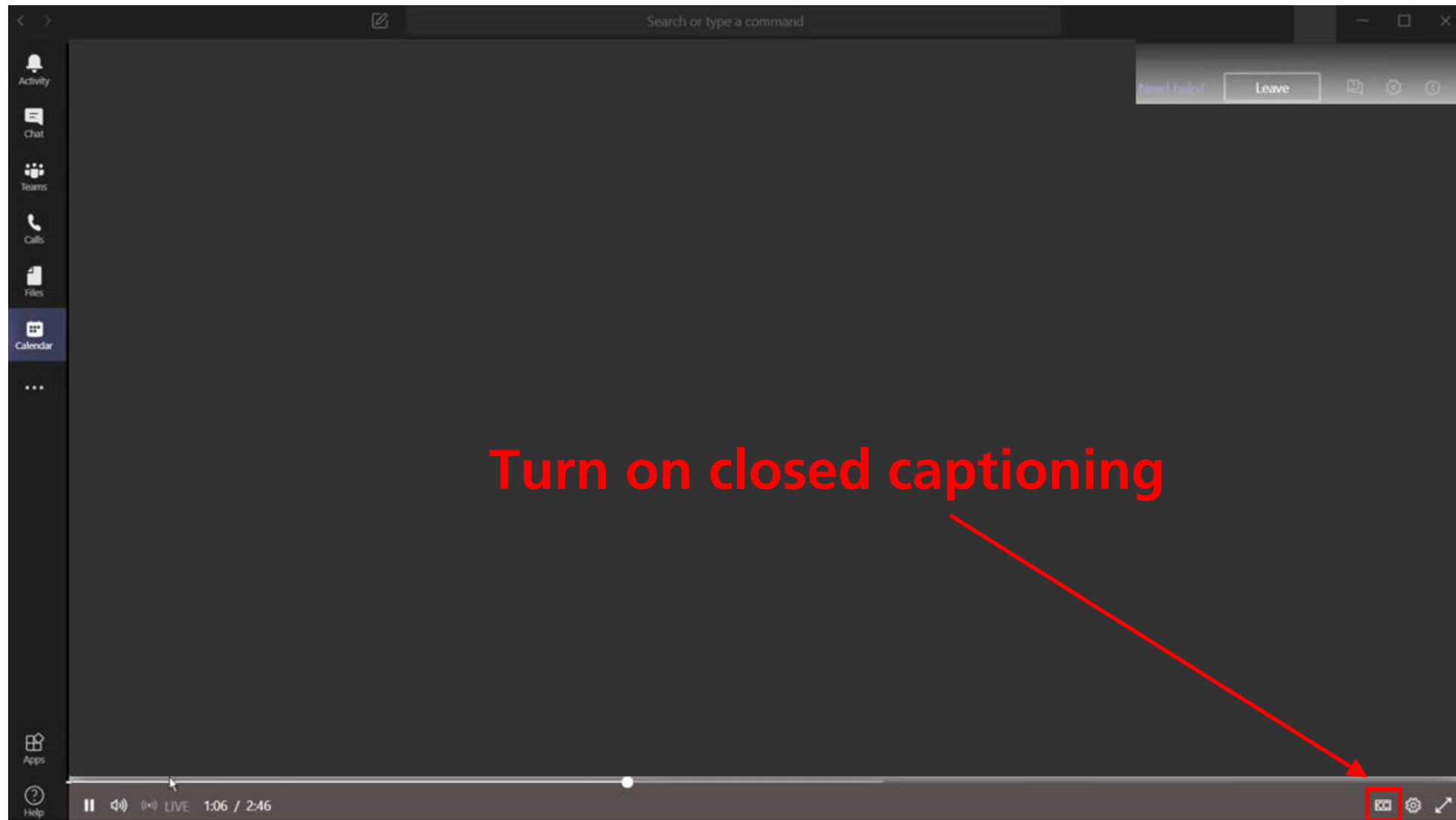
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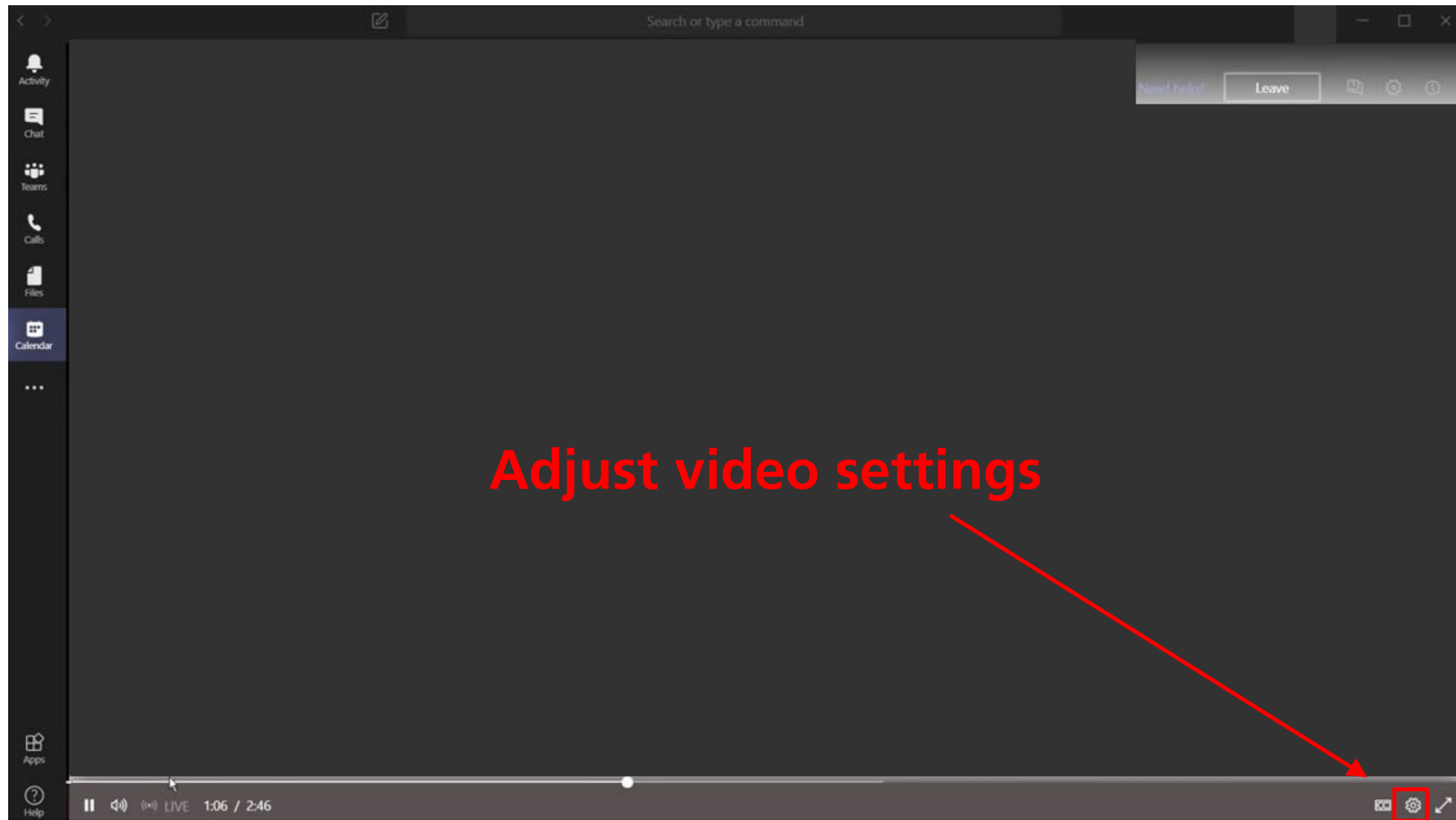


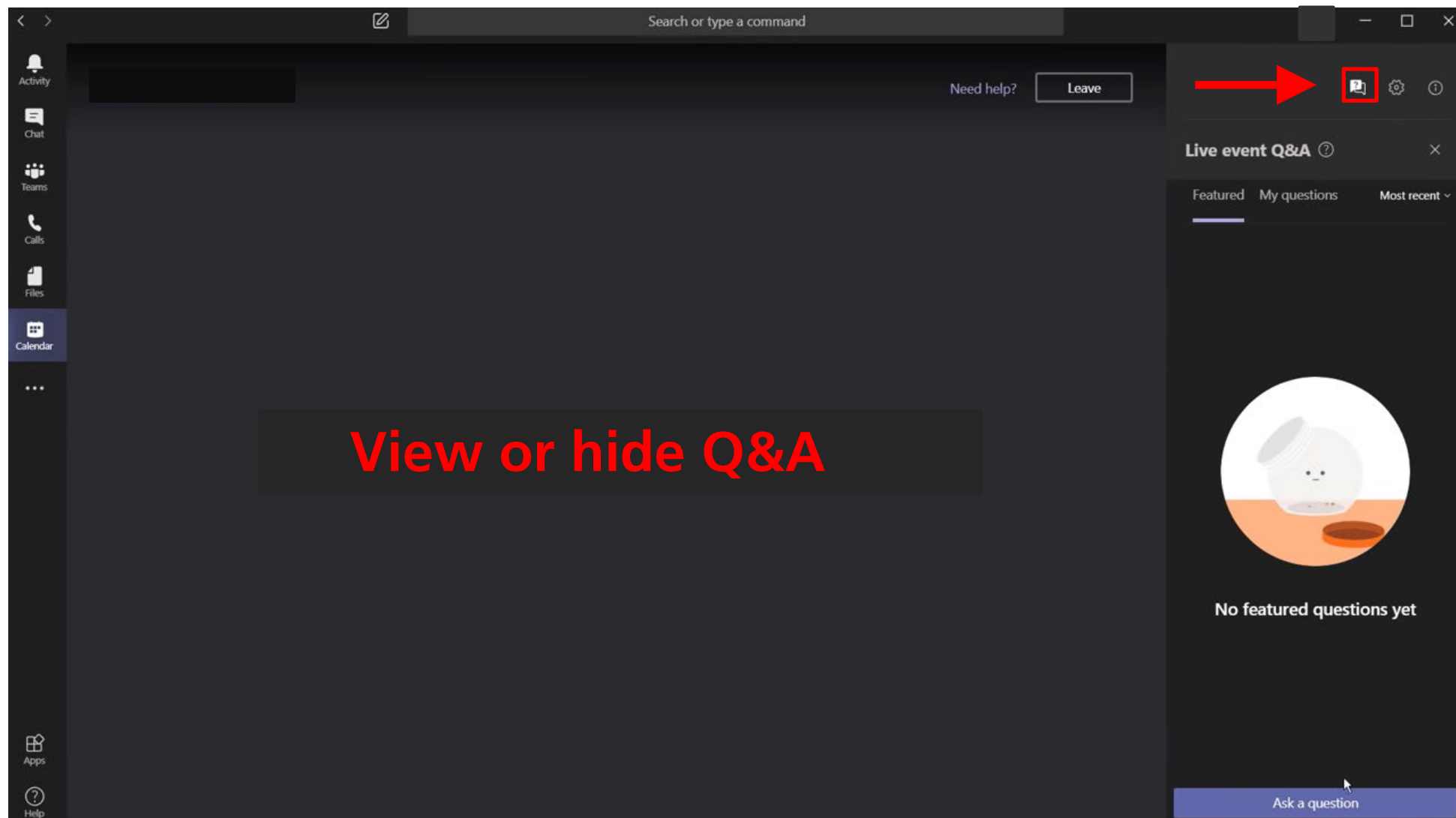


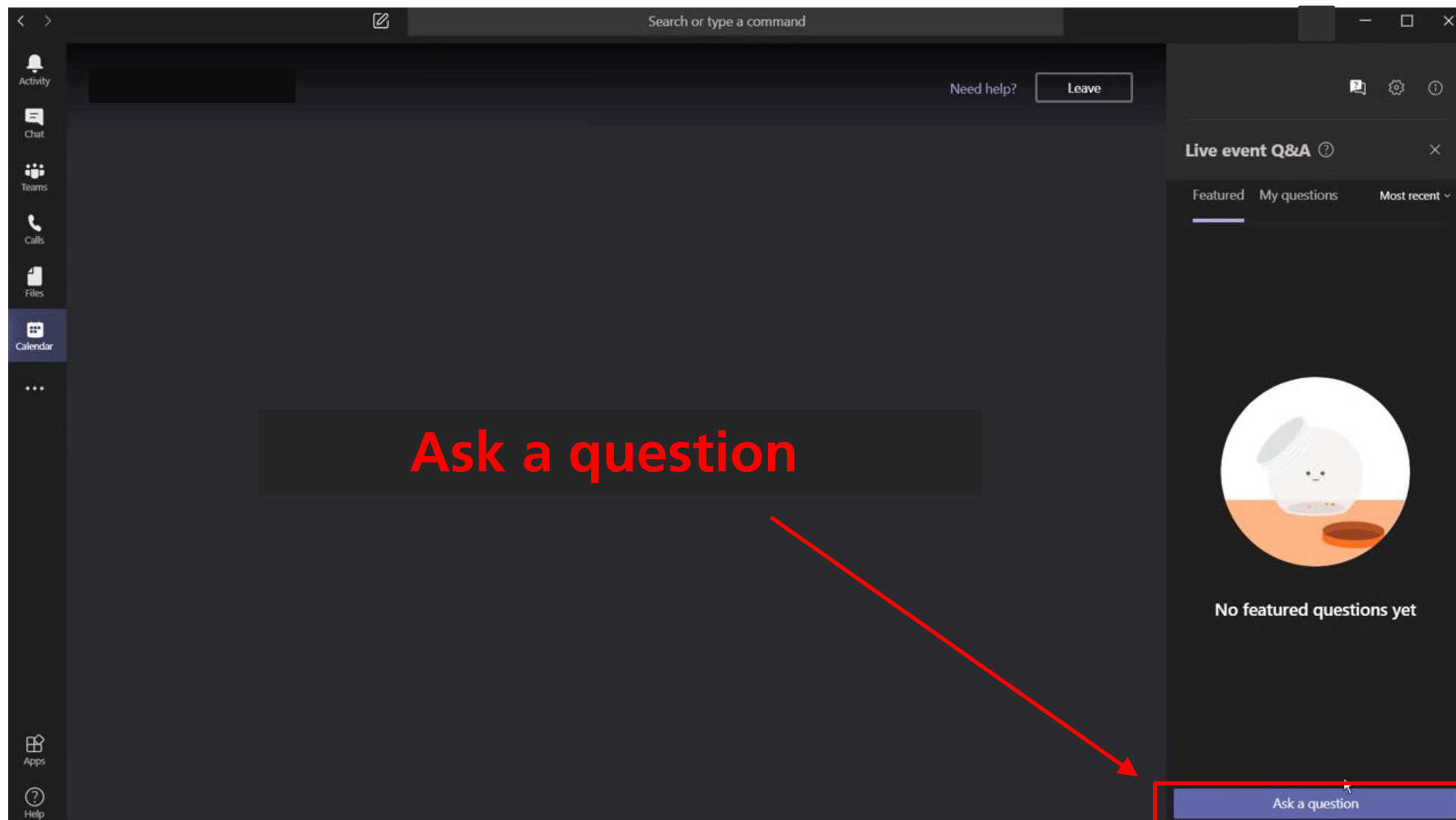


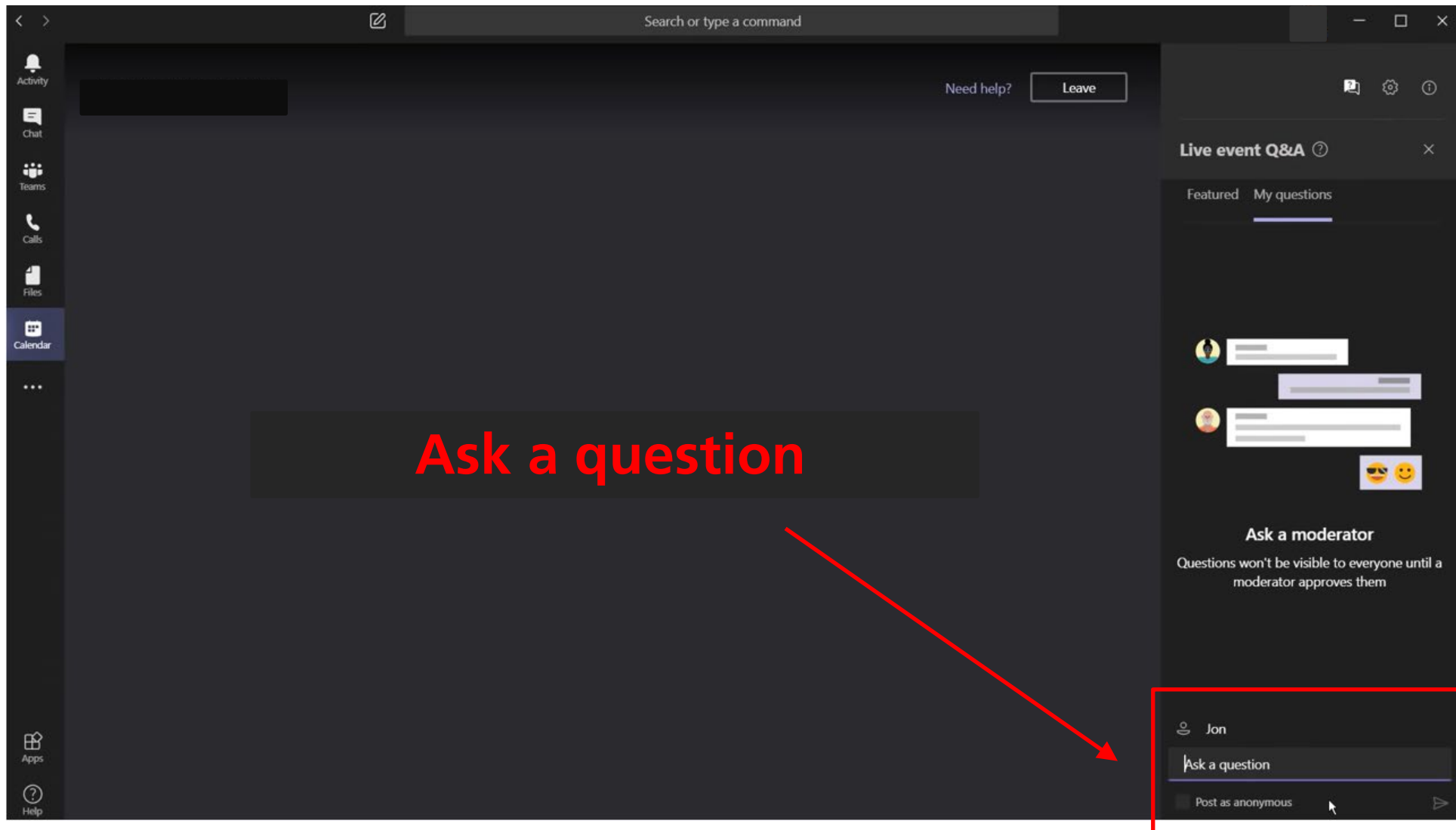
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Meeting Objectives

- **Introduce** the special resource study
- **Explain** the study process
- **Invite** you to share feedback and answer any of your questions

What is a Special Resource Study?



- **Special Resource Studies**

- evaluate the potential for establishing a new park unit within the National Park Service (NPS) based on established Special Resource Study criteria; and
- are prepared for the Secretary of the Interior, who will submit the study along with his/her recommendations, if any, to Congress.

- **This study itself does not establish new national park units.**

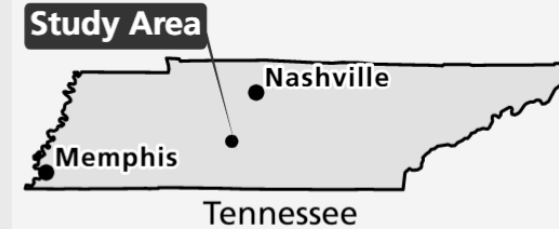
- Only **Congress** through legislated action or the **President** through the use of the Antiquities Act has the authority to establish a new unit of the national park system.



Study Area



- The James K. Polk Home is located in Columbia, TN
- The study area includes
 - The Polk Home
 - The Sisters' House
 - Kitchen outbuilding
 - Gardens
 - Polk Presidential Hall



Study Area



The Polk Home

- Built in 1816, this is the only surviving residence of James K. Polk other than the White House. Visitors can see original possessions of President and Mrs. Polk including furniture, paintings, clothing, and White House china.



Study Area



The Sisters' House

- Built in 1818 and inhabited by two of President Polk's married sisters, today the building serves as a visitor center and administrative offices. Guests start their visit with a 12-minute orientation video before exploring the rest of the property. The Sisters' House also houses a museum room and a museum shop.



Study Area



Kitchen Outbuilding

- The Polk Home's detached kitchen building was reconstructed in 1946 on the original foundation. Visitors to the kitchen see period cooking implements and household accessories.

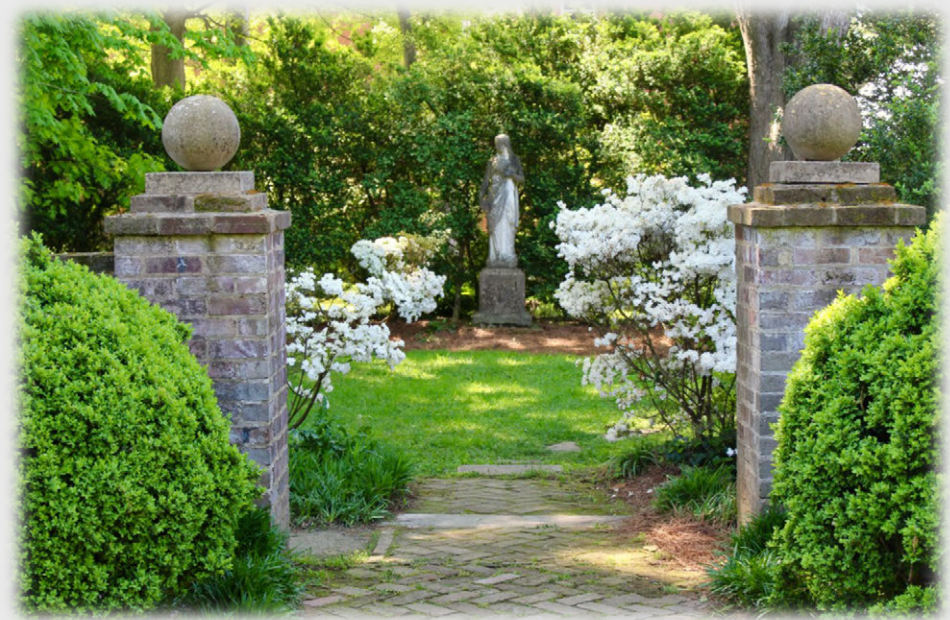


Study Area



Gardens

- The site's landscaped grounds include an herb garden, a formal boxwood garden, and a white azalea garden. The gardens feature objects and plantings from the grounds of James K. Polk's final home, a downtown Nashville mansion that was torn down in 1901.



Study Area



Polk Presidential Hall

- Constructed in 1882 as a church, the Polk Association acquired the building in 2006 and began a three-year restoration project to preserve the historic exterior and renovate the interior as a state-of-the-art museum gallery. This exhibition facility hosts a series of original and traveling exhibits that relate to the U.S. Presidency and American society and culture during James K. Polk's lifetime.



Current Management



James K. Polk Memorial Association

- Administers & operates the James K. Polk Home and Museum
- Owns and preserves artifacts and original documents
- Offers guided tours and educational programs to the public

Special Resource Studies. . .



Use congressionally established criteria:

1. National Significance
2. Suitability
3. Feasibility
4. Need for NPS Management



National Significance | Criterion 1



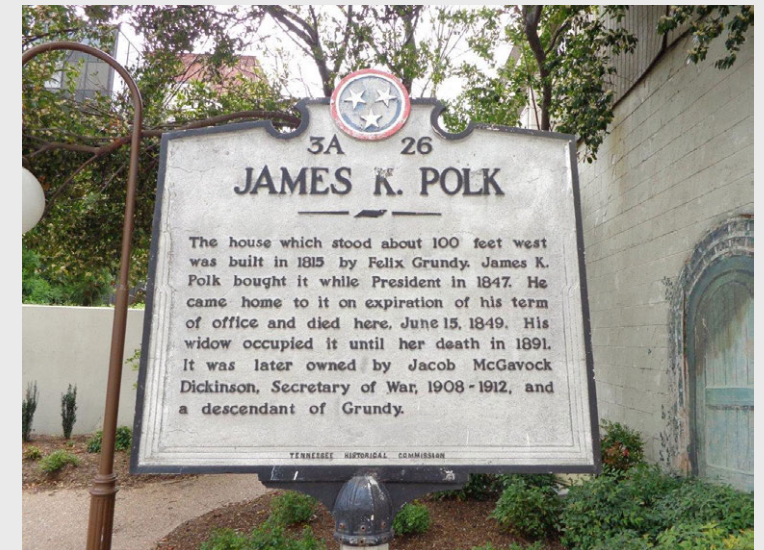
- Contains nationally significant natural and/or cultural resources
- For cultural resources, National Historic Landmark criteria are applied to determine whether a site is nationally significant



Suitability | Criterion 2



- Represents a natural or cultural resource that is not already adequately represented in the national park system, **OR**
- Is not comparably represented and protected for public enjoyment by another management entity



Feasibility | Criterion 3



- Sufficient size and appropriate configuration to ensure long-term protection of the resources and visitor enjoyment
- Capable of efficient administration by the National Park Service at a reasonable cost



Other Important Feasibility Factors



- ✓Landownership patterns
- ✓Acquisition costs
- ✓Life cycle maintenance costs
- ✓Access
- ✓Threats to the resource
- ✓Staff or development requirements

Need for NPS Management | Criterion 4



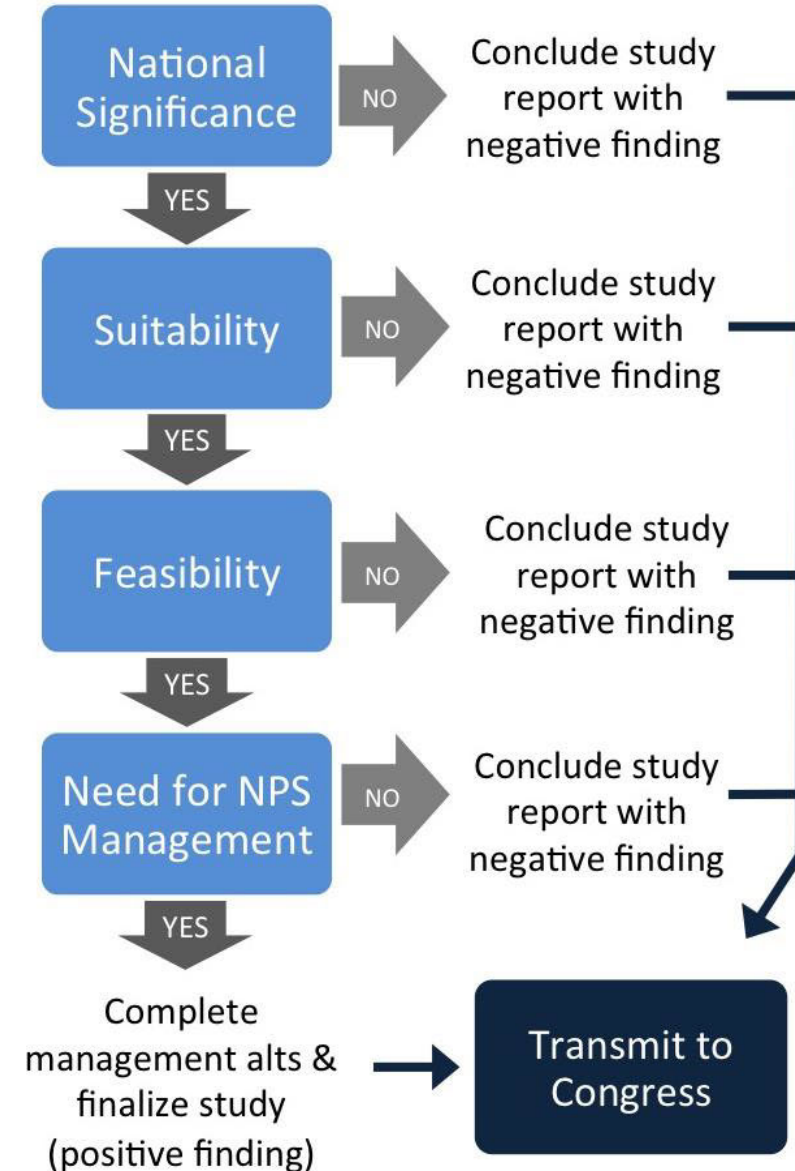
Requires direct National Park Service management that is clearly superior to other management approaches.



SRS Process

- Linear Process
- A negative finding for ANY criterion ends the study
- The findings and any recommendations will be submitted to Congress

SRS Completion Pathways



Estimated Study Timeline



Projected Time Frame	Task
Fall-Winter 2020	Data gathering
January-March 2021	Public outreach
Through end of 2021	Analysis of the four (4) study criteria and preparation of the study
Spring 2022	NPS agency review of study findings
Summer 2022	Revise study based on NPS agency review
Late 2022	Finalize study findings and submit for transmittal to Congress

We want your feedback



What is your vision for preserving the James K. Polk Home and how would you like to see the site managed?

What types of activities and experiences do you want to see as part of the Polk Home's future?

We want your feedback



What objects, buildings and remaining features, values, and stories do you believe are most important at this site and why?

Do you have any other ideas, comments, or concerns you would like to share with us, including your level of support for a potential NPS unit designation?

We want to hear from you



Visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) page for more information and to share your ideas with us

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Submit comments January 19 – March 20, 2021



Or send written comments to:

National Park Service
Denver Service Center Planning
Suite 205
Attn: Julie Bell
12795 West Alameda Parkway
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A photograph of the James K. Polk Home, a two-story white house with green shutters and a small American flag in front.

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This newsletter describes the purpose of the James K. Polk Home Special Resource Study, the study process, and three questions for public feedback. Click on the "Comment Now" button below to enter your feedback directly here.

Your thoughts and ideas are important to us. Thank you for your interest and participation!

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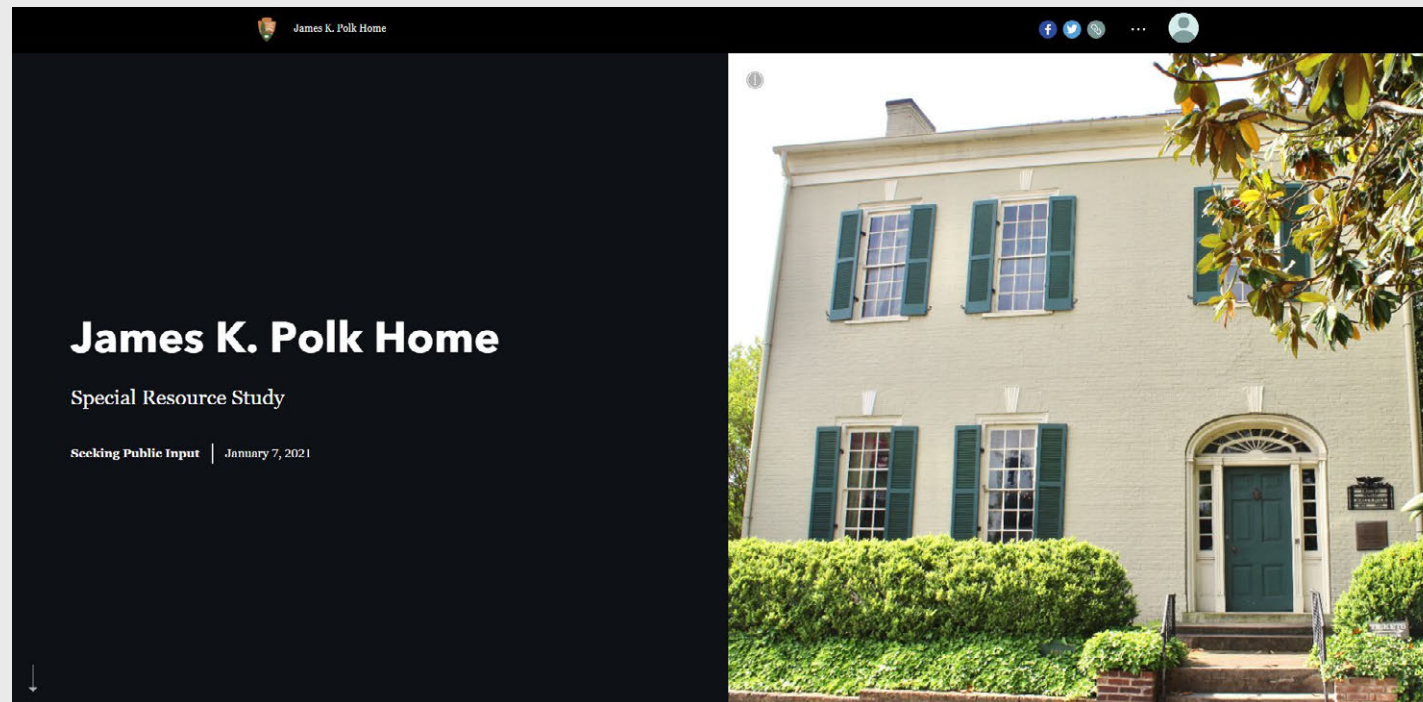
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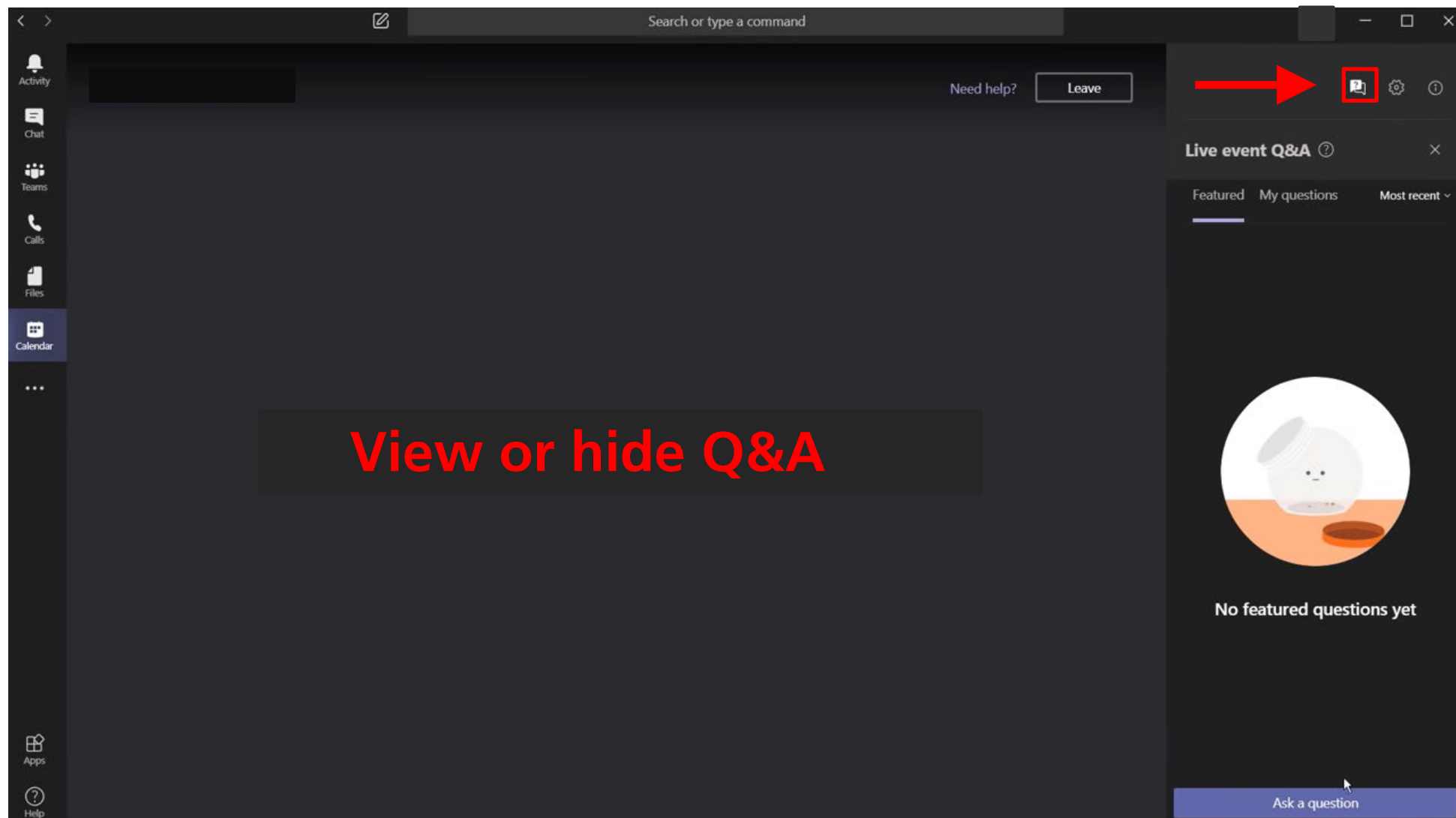
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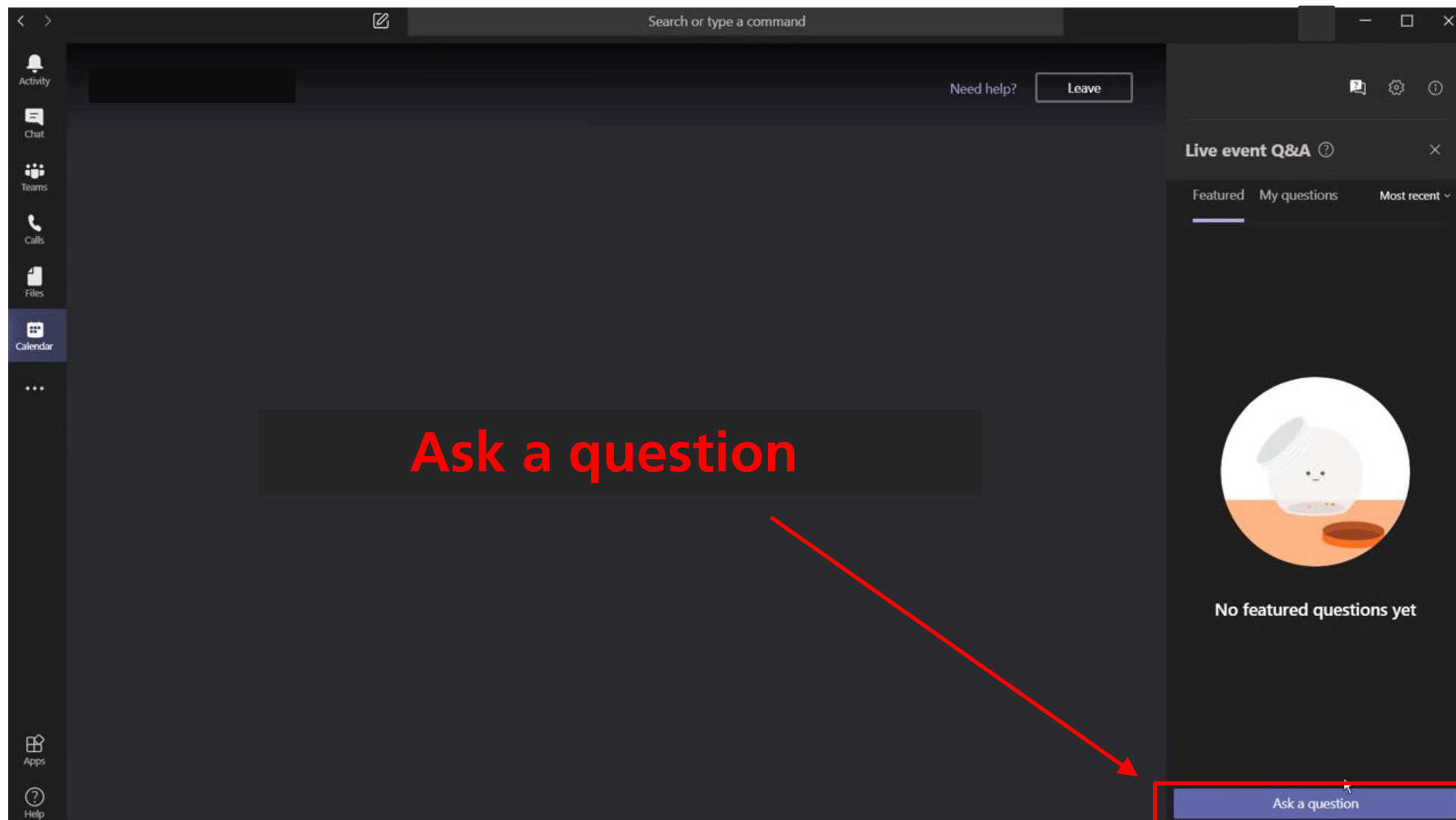
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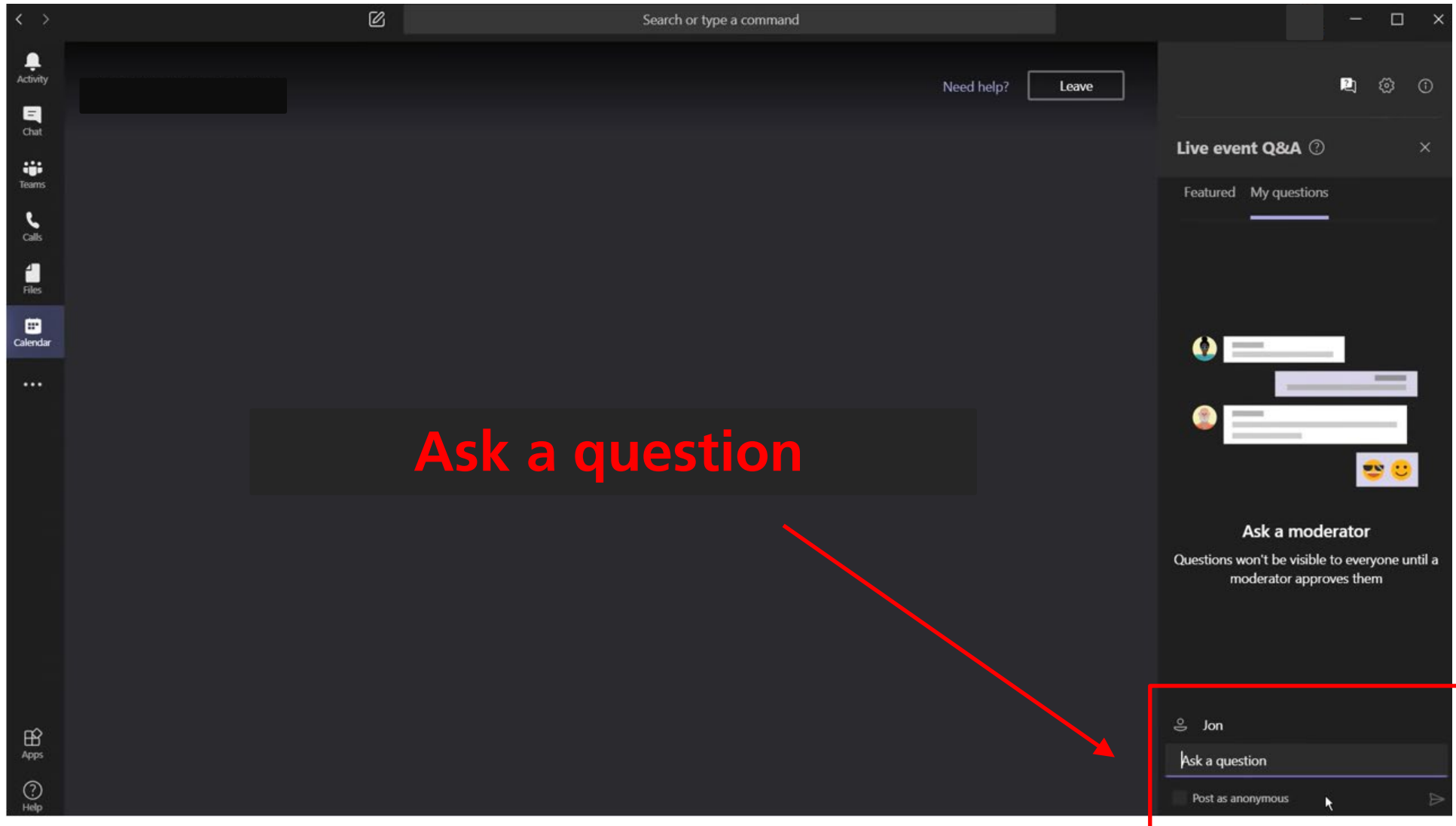


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