

THE Big 3

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The Coronavirus pandemic and related social distancing has produced more of a disruption than just a temporary interruption for your Church.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about the future of the Church...

1. **The interruptions, or *disruptions*, you've experienced as a church can lead to a very bright future—if you embrace it.** Much of the decline in church attendance that was already being experienced worldwide has only been accelerated by the pandemic. A “wait to return to normal” posture is futile because things have forever changed. Many churches, leaders, and everyday disciple-makers have experienced great relational growth during the past several months that is now bearing fruit... out there in the normal rhythms of life.
2. **God has not been surprised or caught off guard by any of this.** His plan to fill the whole world with his glory stands and will never be thwarted. Our good Father is reminding us in these times that he always intended for the Gospel to inform and transform all of life—not just once or twice each week sitting in a church building. The gospel is the answer to every question. Growing in your gospel fluency, in all of life, and helping others do the same, will lead you to greater spiritual freedom, the very thing Jesus promised us!
3. **Steward this time of change and your people's openness to something new.** Spend extra time equipping your people in the only mission Jesus gave us: making disciples who make more disciples of Jesus. Paint pictures with your life for them. Show them how this is paving the road to a new way of BEing in the future as this crisis passes.

Remember... what if all the changes this pandemic has brought to the church is not happening TO us, but happening FOR us? Leaders: you have been placed in your position for such a time as this!

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Thanks for listening... I'll see you in the next episode!

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