

Post-Covid-19 Church - a Few Additional Thoughts

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1. If we have restrictions on how many can meet - say 50 or 100 - I think we should limit gatherings by *10-20 people below the maximum*, in order to always have room for newcomers. We need new people to know there is room for them if they come.

2. If groups are limited to 50 or less for mid-long term, then I think our Discipleship Pastors could make significant contributions to how we operate, as most of them are experts in how to do discipleship in smaller groups of 20-40, 10-20, 3-5, and/or 1 on 1. As Lead Pastors we want our people to be better disciplined and have been trying to figure out for years how to get more of them into the smaller group settings where more discipleship can happen. The gathering size limits that are likely coming may force us into a format that is more conducive to discipleship. Let's make the most of this opportunity!

3. People will want to know that church buildings are safe to enter. I would suggest creating a team now who will think about how to address every possible safety issue that relates to germ/virus spread in your facility.

- greeting teams/systems
- seating/distancing in the building
- soap/hand cleaning/kleenex etc...
- children's areas
- every surface area that people may touch
- realtime cleaning of surfaces
- a clean smell
- signage, emails, web and other communication to let people know your safety procedures, and help them adapt to them
- etc...

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