

WHAT IS GOD DOING THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC?

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2 Corinthians 1:8-9

STARTER QUESTIONS

1. Social distancing has changed the way we live for the time being. What are some things you are looking forward to getting back to doing? And what are some new habits or activities that you want to continue even when the social distancing restrictions are lifted?

GOD IS OPENING OUR EARS TO HIS WORD (Psalm 119:67-71)

1. If a non-believer asked you "Why do you believe an ancient book like the Bible is relevant for your life today?" How would you answer? (Don't feel the need to provide a scholarly answer. Personal testimony can be just as powerful!)
2. Explain a time in your life where a trial or an affliction led you to lean more into scripture. What did you learn?
3. How has God used this season to open your ears to His Word? And how has it proven to be relevant and true and sweet in your life?

GOD IS EXERCISING HIS SOVEREIGN RULE OVER ALL THINGS (Ephesians 1:11)

1. Read: Gen. 50:20; Deut. 32:39; Isa. 46:9-10; Lam. 3:32-33; Dan. 4:35 and Eph 1:11. What do these passages teach you about God? And what do they teach about how to think about God when it relates to suffering?
2. How do these passages make you feel? What encourages you? What troubles you?

GOD IS TEACHING US TO RELY ON HIM ALONE (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)

1. How has God used the Coronavirus to help you rely more on Him? What idols have you seen God decapitate in your own life?

GOD IS CALLING US TO REPENTANCE (Luke 13:1-5)

1. How would you explain what repentance is to a non-believer? What should repentance look like in the life of a believer?
2. Times like these have the tendency to squeeze the worst out of us. Is there anything in your life that you need to repent of right now?

GOD IS DEPLOYING HIS CHURCH TO DEMONSTRATE MERCIFUL COMPASSION (Gal. 6:10)

1. What are some ways God could use us (this small group) to demonstrate merciful compassion in the midst of this Coronavirus?

TAKE A STEP: Which point resonated with you the most this week? Where might God be asking you to lean into the Coronavirus in that aspect? Share some action steps you will take this week in obedience.