



Thank you for being willing to lead a church group in your location. There are several things that we want to help you with by way of instructions for Sunday. We are all praying that God uses the instruction from His Word, and the encouragement from the saints to bolster the faith of our people.

### **Hygiene and distancing:**

1. If you are meeting at the church, the janitors have done a wonderful job of sanitizing the building for you already. For those meeting in houses, this may go without saying, but please do all you can to sanitize your house. COVID-19 is probably not on surfaces in your house, but a clean house will set at ease the people that will be coming to your house. If you are short on cleaning supplies because of shortages at the store, contact Aaron Stigall and he may be able to share some supplies out of the church's reserves.
2. Try to let the people in your house have some space. In reality, no space inside a home is adequate to STOP any spread, but it will set people's mind at ease. One way to maximize occupancy when setting up chairs is to put chairs together for couples, but a couple of feet distanced for people from different families.

### **Service notes:**

1. Highlight the announcements on the sheets provided in the packet. Please mention the missionary of the week, and read their requests if you so desire.
2. If you have a piano and piano player or a guitar and guitar player, you may use the sets of music in your packet for them to play from. This is not required, but offered. The beginning of the service video provided on YouTube and on the website begins with the songs being played, displayed, and sung. You may use this to "sing-along" to. Song sheets with words are included as well.
3. Offering envelopes are in your packet and can be used by the attenders. Please gather them back up and put them in your packet. You can bring them back to the church Monday, or arrange for someone from the church to pick them up on Monday. Encourage people to give online.
4. Prayer time is focused on your small group. Take requests and pray for things on the hearts and minds of the people in your group.
5. The scripture reading listed in the Order of Service is to be read aloud by you or someone in your group prior to the video sermon starting.
6. Do all you can to make the discussion questions impactful. Foster as much discussion and personal application as you can so that the teaching really gets into the hearts and minds of the attenders.

### **Children's material:**

1. There is material for the children to watch if you have capability to put children in another room with a TV for their instruction time. **YouTube @ cbcdery**

2. We would encourage all to stay together until the scripture reading time for the spiritual benefit of the kids singing and praying with their parents. We don't often get this opportunity when we have "normal" church, so let's take advantage of it now.

### **Membership notes:**

1. Please check your group list and take attendance. There are spaces to write down names of people who came who are not on the list as well.
2. In your group you will undoubtedly have several that do not attend. The reasons could be wide ranging. Please call those absent and try to encourage them. Do not necessarily push them to come out especially if they are elderly. Just try to make them feel they still belong, and that they are cared for. Check on needs to see if we can meet them.
3. Let your attenders know that the leadership will be evaluating group composition this coming week to best suit the needs of the people in our congregation.

### **Societal considerations:**

1. In our current culture, public shaming has become fashionable and accessible. There are always many on the lookout for ways to destroy others. At CBC we have already experienced some of that in other issues as well as concerning the COVID-19 outbreak. To minimize this, Social Media posts with pictures and details should be avoided for the time being. There are so many high tensions and feelings right now, we don't want to unnecessarily draw attention and rage from the outside.
2. If someone from your neighborhood talks to you about the gathering some facts might help you to gently and lovingly stand your ground and "defend" our Church's choice.
  - a. Sedgwick County and the state of Kansas have only limited gatherings to under 50. We are complying with these regulations.
  - b. At least for now, the possibility of contamination in Sedgwick county is VERY LOW. This may change for next week, but for now that is the reality. You can assure a concerned neighbor that our church is evaluating things week by week if not day by day.
  - c. CBC is concerned for BOTH the physical health and spiritual health of our people. We believe the fellowship of the believers is not to be thrown aside lightly. In the current situation of Sedgwick County, we believe that we should comply with the governmental bans, but also do all we can to minister to our people.
  - d. For our people, these gatherings are optional. No one is coerced into attending. Our elderly and infirm people are encouraged to stay home if they are concerned about coming out. Some are even proactively encouraged to self-isolate for their safety.

### **Final thoughts:**

Please continue to pray that we would be wise, and effective in carrying out our mission and operating through our core values during this very trying time. Many are distressed, scared and insecure. Do all you can to point them to the Christ their strength and their shield.

## Discussion Questions:

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- How does the world typically handle anxiety?
  
- In what ways can the believer be an example of how we should handle worries?
  - Anticipated answer: by responding in God's peace, by verbally praising the Lord for His perfect plan, etc.
  
- How do anxieties choke out the believer's life every day?
  - Anticipated answer: the "cares" of this world begin to overcome any fruit in our life (fruit of the Spirit, witnessing, etc.)
  
- At what point can one determine whether their fruit is being choked out or if there was ever fruit to begin with?
  - Indicators of a *believer* who may struggle with a lack of fruit - Ask yourself: do you love being with the people of God? Do you love/desire spending time with God? If so, these would be heart-evidence of your love for Him.
  
- How do we actively fight off the "love of money"?
  - Answer found in scripture, such as: Matthew 6:25 and Hebrews 13:5-6.
  
- Since each believer is called to be a "planter", who is someone in your daily life that needs the seed of the Gospel message planted?
  - Answer: each of us should have at least one person we are sharing the gospel with and someone we can be praying for. Go around and encourage each to share one person they're striving to witness to and include those in your closing prayer