

March 11, 2020

Communique regarding the Corona Virus & Governor Inslee's Proclamation

Our governor has proclaimed, as of March 10, 2020, that groups of more than 250 gathering together in one location is "prohibited" until March 31st.

First and foremost, we want you to know that we take this seriously and are seeking wisdom from God and our brothers and sisters in Christ on how to proceed. We also declare that God is the ultimate source of all wisdom, not man. That being said, we make no pretense to be speaking for God, for the CDC, or for the State on this matter.

However, we do believe that God gives wisdom to those who ask for it.^{James 1:5} So we are asking each of you to pray much about this matter and to ask God to give you wisdom and discretion about what to participate in and what not to participate in.

Suffice it to say that scripture exhorts us to gather together often, in fact more often, as we believe the return of our Lord is imminent.^{Hebrews 10:25} And when Peter and John were commanded not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus, they told those in authority, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."^{Acts 4:18-20} But that doesn't mean of necessity that we need to gather to worship in large crowds on Sunday. (Typically, we never have more than 250 in one service.)

Ultimately, we don't want to walk in fear—but we do want to walk in wisdom and common sense. In light of the Governor's proclamation which prohibits large-group gatherings in excess of 250, we may have to take additional steps for our gatherings going forward—which may include making adjustments to our current Sunday school/small group schedule over the coming days and weeks.

This Sunday, March 15, we are planning to meet together for corporate worship. And at this time, additional information will be presented to address what "gatherings" will look like going forward. *We will disperse this same information through additional means after Sunday morning as well, including email, phone, website, social media, & video.*

Once again, we encourage you to prayerfully determine whether or not you should attend on Sunday. While we would love to see you "in person," we want to empower you to discern God's leading regarding you & your family & make the necessary wise and prayerful decisions about your family's level of participation during this time.

Pastor Walt Kelly