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Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Join us this weekend as we continue our series called "Merge"! Our services will also be streaming this weekend on Facebook Live. Service times and Facebook Information are down below.

Journey Community
Christian Church
Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Prayer and Positivity

How are you doing? As we begin to recover and reopen after the COVID-19 shutdown, how is your mental state of mind? Experts tell us long periods of isolation can lead to loneliness and despair. As strategic plans and new guidelines for staying safe together are being announced nearly every day, what additional Biblical practices might we also benefit from?

Barna Group President David Kinnaman noted in a recent webcast that churches and ministries are grappling with a handful of crucial known and unknown factors. He stated, "We know that God is for us, that God has not given us a spirit of fear but one of power, love and of a sound mind," referencing 2 Timothy 1:7. Kinnaman praised church leaders who have stepped up and served courageously through these challenging times.

The Barna research team asked in a survey how often in the past seven days people have felt lonely. Millennial responders were far more likely to report they had experienced loneliness "all the time" or "for some of each day" than Generation Xers or Boomers. How about you? Have you found your prayer life more important these last several months? Are you praying more consistently each day? Research suggests the coronavirus crisis seems to have accelerated mental health problems and relational well-being issues that a lot of people struggled with before all of this started.

A couple of positive takeaways from my pastoral viewpoint: Most people I talk with feel a longing to reconnect with other people. Many seem to have a greater desire to discover the mission and ministry of the church. Also, many of those I have listened to often say they are reading their Bible more and praying more.

The Barna Research I referenced earlier said, "spiritually speaking, during the pandemic, half of all self-identified Christians reported that they were praying more than usual," and "17% said they were reading the Bible more." These data points seem to signal a renewed interest in the things of God. I am encouraged by the possibility of a new movement toward God in the world following COVID-19.

I see fresh hope and faith overcoming fears of the unknown in our world. If you are looking for a few verses to guide your thoughts each day, try these: "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Moving Forward. God is Good.



Bobby D.