

Coronavirus follow-up/announcements:

This is an Unusual Season of Pandemic (sovereignly orchestrated by God, who reigns & is clothed w/ majesty-Ps 93:1); though He often brings these about for Christian growth & evangelism of lost

Events have been rapidly changed, esp this past wk

Mtg together (or not) is NOT easy decision, so pray for wisdom, humility, & discernment, esp as we go day to day & wk to wk & may need to cease mtg temporarily; mtg today was appropriate, given the info, in spite of several churches cancelling (many could live-stream & are much larger than us, so were asked to close...or close b/c local resources wouldn't be able to handle outbreak & so not mtg would keep from contributing to any outbreak)

Virus doesn't pose as great a risk to younger & healthier, but those advanced in yrs OR w/ underlying health conditions (breathing, etc)

\*Wkly gathering for corporate worship is paramount (Heb 10:24-25), though complying w/ any govt legislation/request doesn't NECESSARILY=time for civil disobedience; context is everything -its temporary

\*Love of neighbor=summary of law-Gal 5:14 (cf Matt 22:39)

-further, Phil 2:3-4 do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but w/ humility of mind, regard another as more important...look out for interests of others (1 way is not spreading virus)

-individuals w/ NO symptoms can pass it w/o knowing it; so wash & no shaking (& possibly moving to no mtg corporately, temporarily)

\*Matt 28:18-20 eager to see people come to faith & in context of reaching non-believers, Col 4:5-6 "conduct yourselves w/ wisdom towards outsiders, making most of opportunity

-wisdom & good witnessing means taking others' fears serious, rather than mocking (sarcasm cuts & we should EXPECT the tizzy!!)

-again, if local govt requests no mtgs, we'll have to cross that bridge when presented, to be good witness by abiding by their recommendation

\*But, many variables to weigh & decisions made will NOT appease all, so be forbearing; all of us be clothed w/ humility-1 Pet 5:5

\*Be ready to lend helping hand to unsaved friends, ask for items to pray for, possibly groceries

-neighbors may be struggling w/ fear & anxiety, or physical needs

-serve, in contrast to the selfish hoarding!!

-don't waste the Coronavirus!! Advance Gospel

-Lk 13:3-5 no but unless you repent you will all likewise perish (town fell, were they worse culprits); Jesus doesn't ignore tragedy, but He also doesn't assuage fears, as they SHOULD fear, so turn to Jesus, your greatest need

\*If struggling w/ fear/anxiety...PLEASE see me!! Reach out!

-He's the God of peace; You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You b/c he trusts in You-Isa 26:3

-Mk 4:35-41 stiller of storms...faith, not fear

-He's Refuge, Rock, & reigns supreme in plague or peacetime

Rest, hydrate, research (not overly), comply as winsome witnesses; treat like time of flu (not Coronagedon!)

\*Even if we were online like so many others, temporary! Online isn't church, as can't baptize, discipline, or communion!