

Servant leadership in the context of Coronavirus

Many medical staff have described their experience of this pandemic as like a tsunami. There is an unstoppable wave of pastoral and practical challenges facing church leaders. While in a few places the worst may be over, some countries are in the eye of the storm. For many others - the storm is gathering.



Courage and Creativity

The Mission of God has not changed but our context has. To serve effectively in this new context we must adapt how we communicate and demonstrate the good news about Jesus (1 Corinthians 9). Leaders need courage to experiment, to sacrifice, to change and to resist the voices of those who want no change. The Church is just as much the church, even though it is more scattered. *What opportunities does this bring for God's mission?*

Leading in practice:

- Equip individuals, households and small groups to be the primary expression of church
- Use social media to connect small groups for encouragement, prayer and vision
- Share stories of people who are serving creatively in this new season

These are times when people need the hope and peace that only God can bring. The God who has freely given us all things (Romans 8:32) calls us to live generously to those around us (1 Timothy 6:18-19). Imagine the difference in your town or city if the church - your church - in the power of the Holy Spirit, steps up to bring prayer and peace, to love neighbours, to care for the poor and vulnerable and live out resurrection hope.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:13.

