

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.



Resurrection and Hope

Jesus' resurrection defeated sin and death. The presence and power of the resurrected Jesus is at work in us, empowering sacrificial and joyful service (Acts 1:8). Our hope in resurrection gives us the courage to serve and suffer (2 Corinthians 4).

Serving in practice

- Support people who are facing death - including those who are separated from dying relatives or friends
- Prepare to help those who are grieving. Much of the usual ways of grieving will not be possible in these times. Find new ways of 'weeping with those who weep'
- Equip your church to support grieving neighbours or co-workers

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.

