

Pastor 360 Group Call
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Proposition: It's happening! Our churches are emerging from an unprecedented global pandemic. The many months of isolation, working/schooling/worshiping from home, and the disruption of familiar patterns of life are approaching a conclusion. The questions that surround this moment generally suggest thought, resources, and energy directed toward establishing a new, post-covid world.

Here's the issue: How do you plan for that post-covid world? ... post-covid church? What is your story of moving from something disruptive to something emerging? How closely will your post-covid church resemble the pre-covid church? How will innovation and invitation define the post-covid church for you?

On a personal level, as a leader of the post-covid church, what do you need to change? What do you need to abandon? What do you need to champion?

And, here is an intriguing question: "What does it mean to plan from the future?" A second level of this question is, "Emerging from an unprecedented disruptive event, what is the innovative and invitational capacity for our church?"

For our June P360 Group Call, I am proposing the theme *Your Post-Covid Church*. This is our plan/narrative of re-emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic and the description of who we are and how we are purposefully engaging in ministry and mission. It is the who, what, and why of our first steps into the new normal of our post-covid church.

Consider for Discussion:

- In this post-covid season, what does it mean to plan from the future?
- What best defines your congregation's orientation to an opportunity for innovation and invitation?
- What are your leading indicators that the innovations and invitations of your post-covid ministry is meeting or exceeding expectations?
- A suggested cycle for post-covid planning:
 1. Listen ... to everyone everywhere. Nobody has been here before. Everyone is an explorer.
 2. Learn ... you don't know what you don't know. There are no best practices, only some good ideas.
 3. Launch ... have an action bias to his process.
 4. Look closely ... evaluate everything, especially leading indicators. If required, pivot quickly.
 5. Love ... that's Jesus' presence in the midst of people searching for a way forward ... permeates the entire process.

So, let's talk...

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