

IBC Weekend Service Plan

Hello again IBC family!

By now, all of you are aware that Governor Inslee has made the CDC's recommendations for no gatherings over 50 people mandatory. This was saddening to me, especially at how encouraged I was after this past weekend's services. And while we (IBC leadership) were eager to continue to meet as a church, this new rule changes our desired plan. So in an effort to ensure clarity and to keep confusion to a minimum, I want to inform you of *how* we plan to gather together as a church, but to do so in a manner that is compliant with the Law.

FIRST of all, we will conduct our service via *livestream* at **9am**. Now I understand that some of you may fear technology more than the virus itself. But do not panic! We will make this as simple as possible and are here to help you obtain livestream access. Our tech team will post a link on the church website (www.indbible.org) that will provide the livestream service.

SECOND, even though gatherings over 50 are no longer permissible (and is now strongly encouraged to keep groups under 10), we still believe that gathering as a church is still important (**Hebrews 10:25**). Therefore, we encourage you to join one another for Sunday's livestream service in your already established life groups/Bible studies/small groups. However, if you are not plugged into a group, then you have three options:

- You can join an already established group
- You can start your own group
- You can gather as a family
- **Please note:** If you are concerned or have any reservation at all about meeting with your group (or people in general) because you are a greater health risk, please do not feel poorly about this. You are not letting anyone down. Do what you must do to ensure your health & safety.

THIRD, I want to encourage group leaders to introduce a couple of key worship components, as well as, be prepared for new experiences:

- During our livestream service, someone will lead us all in worship. This reality will likely make some people feel awkward because they are now singing and being heard in a smaller group context. This could serve to be distracting. But I also believe it can foster a deeper sense of worship within our church family. NOTE TO PARENTS: there is no greater opportunity to model to your kids that mommy & daddy sing out loud together. So sing loud, because you are worshipping King Jesus! Show your kids that He is worthy of your praise!
- Group leaders:
 - Plan to initiate communion in your groups. Don't worry about having yeast-free bread. Plan to read through **1 Corinthians 11:23-32** to introduce communion, give time for reflection, repeat words in **verses 23-26**.
 - Take time to discuss the sermon after you listen together
 - Take time to pray with & for one another
 - Discuss how you as a group can serve & meet the needs of others that you are aware of (see article I sent out earlier: "Serving One Another")

NOTE: I know that some of you will begin to experience increased financial strain. But I want to encourage you to continue tithing. I'm always reminded of how Jesus drew attention to the poor widow in **Luke 21** and

praised her for giving out of her poverty, while others gave from their abundance. May we, too, continue to be faithful in our giving. You can do this in two ways:

- You can sign up online (<https://indbible.org/give>) and give electronically
- You can send a check/cash to the church office: 112 N Lincoln St. Port Angeles, WA 98362

IBC family, I know that this “new” way of meeting as a church can be an uncomfortable and inconvenient. But I also find great peace in the fact that EVERYTHING we are adjusting to has been known by God long ago. He is not alarmed in any way. He is in absolute control. In fact, I believe that He intends to unsettle us FOR OUR GOOD. I believe that He is going to grow His Church and advance His Kingdom through this season of crisis. So may we listen intently and obey promptly. May we understand that God may be doing a NEW THING in His Church and for His glory!

Isaiah 43:18-21—*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.*

Blessings

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