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Reading/Group Discussion

Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your virtual gathering, have someone open your time together by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Checking the pulse (10 minutes)

Use a few minutes catching up on how everyone has been. Make sure that everyone has time and space to share what is happening in their lives.

Read this overview

Jesus told us that this world would be full of trouble and hardship. But he also told us that all those who build their lives on him will be able to withstand any storm. Part of what has made Christians so impactful throughout the centuries is that they have had resources to care for hurting people *even in the midst of hardship*.

This past weekend we looked at being sent by God on mission.

As followers of Jesus, we have an opportunity to love God and love others in unique ways during this unprecedented season in our lives.

Talk through this past weekend's sermon & encourage one another (20-30 minutes)

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- Which passage that Darnell referenced in his message about being sent resonated with you the most? Why?
- In this message, Darnell gave a great flyover of how God has been on mission throughout the whole story of Scripture. Was the fact that God has been on mission ever since Genesis 12 surprising to you? Why or why not?
- When thinking about God's nature, would "missional" be a word you'd use to describe him? Why or why not? What other words would you use to describe him?

- When thinking about your own nature, what words would you use to describe yourself? Is missional a word you'd use? Why or why not? Do you think your nature should reflect God's nature on this topic?
- Describe a time in your life where you feel like you partnered with God in his mission. What was that experience like for you?
- How are you personally pursuing God's mission right now? As a family? In your neighborhood?
- When was the last time you interacted with "the least of these?" What was that experience like? How do you feel about that?
- In his message, Darnell talked about how helping and loving others was a holistic endeavor (we can help people spiritually, emotionally, etc.). How have God's people helped you in this way? When was the last time you offered spiritual and emotional support for another? What was that like?
- Where might God be inviting you to join him in loving others today in the midst of this unique time in our lives?

As a church, we affirm that God is always working. He is always directing, leading, and guiding us. Spend some time discussing what God is inviting you into right now.

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

Spend time thinking through how your group can be #FORTHE317 (5 minutes)

Try asking the following:

- How can we serve one another?
- How can you best serve your family in this time?
- What is a way that we can best serve our neighbors in this time?

Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.