

Lessons for Meeting Again

Presentation Notes

What have we learned which we should maximize during this time?

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1. Kidmin can have an effective online presence and should be explored and developed.

With what we have learned about reaching children in the home, how can we continue to position ministry to reach beyond the local church to where children are?

2. Helping kids see the God of the Bible.

This is the first major crisis for this generation of children (since 9/11) we are helping kids with courage, fear, and the future. This moment has become a big test of whether or not our teaching has been creating the right foundation.

There is a theme in both the Old and New Testament of "**Being Strong and Courageous**" - the words may have been different, but the message was the same. These hero's of the Bible were told over and over to be strong and courageous... but it didn't stop there. God would continue his challenge to be strong because he would tell them, "**I am with you.**"

Kids need to know who the "I am" is in today's world.

- Our theology matters. Who do you know God to be?
- Our perspective of God matters. How often do you sit in His presence and rest?
- Once things return more to "life as we know it" I hope we will continue to teach who God is more than simply tell stories from the Bible.

3. You have an Eight Week +/- of a forced change. What will you do with it?

Use this time for rest (Sabbath), revise, or relaunch.

What are the changes you wanted to make but didn't have time to give to laying the ground work? What could you do not that the schedules have shifted to help prepare for opening the doors again with a renewed energy and focus?

<u>Training</u> - Why not prepare a series of trainings for your leaders and send them out since they are getting a break? (Or better.. have key volunteers do this since they are taking a break)

<u>Position Descriptions</u> - Why not take a few moments to draft position descriptions (or better enlist key volunteers who have a break to do this for you?)

<u>Service Components</u> - Really challenge the components of your service. Are they as effective as they need to be? What if you rethink what you do.

<u>Curriculum</u> - Study the nuts and bolts of the curriculum, the key philosophies, and unlock what you may not have known was there.

<u>Re-market</u> your kidmin to build anticipation for the moment you can gather again If you were launching your kidmin for the first time in 8 weeks, what you vantage point be? Consider some of those questions today to be ready to re-open those doors.

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- A website filled with created and curated content from churches all across the nation. It is live now and the resource library is growing. Some of the highlights are
- Training videos for livestream, (including the video you saw from Troy Picuo)
- · Video segments for lessons and curriculum
- Projects and activities like encouraging families to make blankets for children in abusive situations for a ministry called Project Ignite Light
- · And more.