

**Week 3 Online: Peacemakers**  
**Small Group Notes**  
**March 28/29**

As a Church, we continued to meet online on the weekend. As a Church, we are distancing ourselves from each other, but we are not separated from what God wants to do in us personally and as a Church. We are reminded the Church is not a building we come and sit in, but a movement we choose to be a part of to help people meet, know and follow Jesus. We can't cancel church because the church is you!

**SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

**CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- Share your experience with the Wednesday night prayer gathering. What stood out to you?
- People are incredibly creative in finding new ways to find peace and joy during hard times: serving neighbors, making a post online, or sharing a song that brought you comfort. What did you see or experience this week that brought you peace?
- Open the group in prayer, asking God for honesty and wisdom as you discuss.

**WATCH THE VIDEO** <https://youtu.be/EZD7tQvjK48>

**DISCUSSION**

1. What is your plan and how can you enjoy this season of disruption?
2. God is a God of order. He has always had a plan! From the beginning, our job was to bring order out of chaos.
  - What is the most chaotic thing for you right now? Share that with the group. Be honest. Everyone has chaos right now!
  - What could be one plan God is asking of you to help bring order to the chaos?
3. As our routines and schedules have changed, many of us have a certain amount of margin we did not have before.
  - How can you leverage some of that time in a productive manner?
  - What might be one practical way you could serve someone else this week?

- There may be some things God is asking us to do less of, and some things to do more of. What comes to mind you want to stop or start doing this week?

One of the most infectious things we can do to spread joy and peace is to laugh! Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-13. God wants you to enjoy life. Laughter is one of the ways we experience the joy of God. In the words of American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, *“Humor is a prelude to faith and laughter is the beginning of prayer.”* Read the Proverbs below and ask the group:

**Proverbs:**

- a. A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22
  - b. A joyful heart makes a cheerful face. Proverbs 15:13
  - c. Bright eyes gladden the heart; Good news puts fat on the bones. Proverbs 15:30
- With whom and in what environments are you laughing?
  - How can you find enjoyment, even in a season of uncertainty?
  - What are the things that are life-giving to you right now? How can you plan to schedule more of that this week?

4. Before going to a time of prayer, close your discussion by reading Philippians 4:10-19.

**PRAYER**

Take some time to go around your group and pray. Pray for each person by name and for each need shared. Take some extended time for those who feel comfortable to pray. Since you are all online, you might want to plan an order of who is praying.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Before you log offline, share the following with your group.*

- Join us for our online Wednesday night prayer gathering on April 1 and for services online again next week, April 4/5. <http://live.sv.cc>
- If you have not yet done so, subscribe for the daily video devotional at <http://daily.sv.cc>
- You can find more resources at <https://linktr.ee/sunvalleycc>
- Parents: Check out resources for your kids and students. <http://www.sunvalleycc.com/sv-parents/>