

A Christian's Response to the Coronavirus

Philippians 4:5-7

Key Notes:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Philippians 4.4

Step #1 - Rejoice in who our God is.

- God is not surprised by the coronavirus.
- Rejoice that you know that God is good and that He is in control.
- Belief **precedes** behavior.
- *You will keep in perfect peace those whose **minds** are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26.3*

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. Philippians 4.5

Step #2 - Seek to serve others.

- If you were given the multiple choice question, *What has your response to the coronavirus been*, what would your response be?
 - A. Panicked
 - B. Naive
 - C. Indifferent
 - D. Reasonable
- Being reasonable is not holding your opinion too highly.
- Whatever you do in these next few weeks, remember that following Jesus is sacrificial, not selfish.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4.6*

Step #3 - Pray

Watch Party

After watching the message, we encourage you to pray through these things together and discuss these questions:

Pray For:

- Pray for your own heart and the opportunities to share Jesus - don't shrink back and get comfortable. Press in and make yourself available to others.
- Pray for national leaders and community leaders.
- Pray for doctors and researchers - for treatment and a cure.
- Pray for people impacted directly by the virus.
- Pray that we would stay connected as followers of Jesus and not isolate and separate.
- Pray for people you know who are freaking out - that they would look to God and that you would have the opportunity to talk to them about God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the feelings you have been experiencing in the past week? Talk about what's behind them.
2. What does it look like for your reasonableness to be known among other people in your life?
3. What truth about God has been helpful for you? What truth about God do you need to access more moving forward?
4. What opportunities to serve others are you aware of? What is God calling you to do?
5. How can you be a giver and not a taker right now?