

# **Grace and Truth-The Plan (for now)**

## **1. God is still in control**

- a. He is aware of everything that is happening**
  - i. In fact, He is allowing everything that is happening**
- b. He has promised to protect us from diseases**
  - i. But, He has also given us common sense**
  - ii. He never promised to protect us when we're doing something foolish**
- c. He has called us to love each other**
  - i. To put the good of others ahead of our own**
    - 1. Why we're embracing the restrictions placed on public gatherings**
      - a. To protect:**
        - i. Vulnerable ones:**
          - 1. In our church**
          - 2. In our families**
        - ii. Healthcare system**
          - 1. Avoid overload**

## **2. Our Gatherings**

- a. No gatherings until the end of March**
  - i. Mandated by Park View and New Life**
  - ii. Requested by the government/Superintendent Harvey**
  - iii. Continue with the video service**
    - 1. Facebook/YouTube**
    - 2. Hopefully available by Saturday night to watch whenever**
- b. Likely to continue this way into April/May**
  - i. Use these next two weeks to work out a system for home gatherings/small groups**
    - 1. Start meeting on/around April 5<sup>th</sup>**
    - 2. An opportunity to figure out something that we need to be doing anyway**
    - 3. Video sermons**
      - a. Another opportunity to figure out something that I need to be doing anyway**
    - 4. Discussion/Communion/Prayer**
- c. Resume Sunday gathering when allowed**
  - i. Continue meeting in small groups as well**
    - 1. Bible studies**

### **3. Another Opportunity**

#### **a. To be the hands and feet of Jesus**

##### **i. Built-in opportunity at Park View**

##### **1. Help with shopping**

##### **a. I will pick up shopping lists/payment twice a week:**

**i. Wednesday at noon**

**ii. Saturday at noon**

##### **b. Divide the shopping among volunteers**

**i. Grace and Truth**

**ii. My extended family**

**iii. Box Hill North neighbors**

##### **c. Shop/return with groceries the same day**

**i. Let them know if this isn't possible**

##### **ii. An opportunity to BE the church, not just GO to church**

##### **1. The workload on Sundays has kept us from doing this sort of thing**

**a. But without Sunday services to set-up/tear-down we can put our time/efforts into serving those God has put into our care**

##### **2. This is every bit as important to me as our worship services**

**a. It's been a missing element in our church**

### **4. Closing**

#### **a. God is in control**

**i. We are not to live in fear**

**ii. We are to use common sense**

#### **b. This is an opportunity:**

**i. To model obedience**

**ii. To work out some things we need to be doing anyway**

**iii. To love those God has placed in our care**

**1. No gathering until the end of March**

**2. Home gatherings after**

**3. Shopping for Park View residents**

**iv. To pray:**

**1. For those who are sick**

**2. For those who work in healthcare**

**3. For those in leadership**

**4. For those who are afraid**

**5. For those who are home with stir-crazy kids!**