

## Some Pandemic Perspectives

### *A Biblical Briefing*

**Note:** *To give & receive the greatest benefit from this discussion, please review your own sermon notes, read & reflect on these discussion questions in advance.*

1. Do you know people who have tested positive for Covid-19, died or suffered loss from it (i.e. jobs, income, fear, depression etc).
  - \* Someone read **Psalm 103**, then pray God's protection & provision for these people.
2. Have you personally wondered if Covid-19 is a hoax, conspiracy or political ploy?
  - \* Which ones and why? What sources have you consulted?
  - \* Someone read **Psalm 2:1-5, 10-11** and discuss those theories in light of the Lord's supreme reign.
3. Do you believe Covid-19 is more likely an attack of Satan or the judgement of God?
  - \* What difference would this make in our response to it i.e. **Ephesians 6:10-18 & 2 Chronicles 7:13-14?**
  - \* Overall, how well have you been enduring or persevering through this trial i.e. connection with God, attitudes, relationships with others, ministry etc?
  - \* Someone read James 1:2-4, 12.
4. Have you considered that Covid-19 might be a sign preceding the return of the Lord, the rapture of the church and tribulation on earth?
  - \* Someone read **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**.
  - \* What evidence of other signs listed in this passage do you see happening during this time?
5. How do you think the church could or should be different as a result of Covid-19?
  - \* Someone read **Hebrews 10:24-25**.
  - \* How can we do a better job of encouraging & warning one another?
  - \* What do you think about Bethel's emerging mission statement which includes Believing the gospel, Belonging to the body and Becoming more like Jesus?
6. What is your honest feeling about the Lord's soon return i.e. excitement, fear, doubt?
  - \* **Revelation 22:20:** *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"*