

“Social Distancing”

A Lord’s Flock General Assembly Topic

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COVID 19 has brought about social distancing and, with it, a lot of hardships. The Lord challenges us to not let this be a hindrance to help others, rather to grab this as an opportunity to do good for others.

1. God Provides Many Opportunities

1.1 This pandemic should be an eye opener for us to see what kind of world we have and to put our neighbor’s needs before ourselves.

- “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Lk. 6:38).

1.2 Despite the trials that we face, we should continue to take advantage of the chances that come our way.

- “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all the people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Gal. 6:10).

1.3 Sometimes, we tend to miss the opportunities that He gives us as we focus on ourselves.

- “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few” (Matthew 5:37).

1.4 This pandemic is not about putting God to the test, rather God putting us to the test to see if we will help others despite the COVID 19 concerns.

- “If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday” (Is. 58:10).

2. Social Outcast whose Lives Have Been Turned Around by God

2.1 Just like the lepers, at times we are numb to our own sins.

2.1.1 “While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him” (Lk. 5:12-13).

2.2 Jesus did not condemn the woman who was caught in the act of adultery; instead, He showed extreme love for her. He showed the perfect example of hating the sin, not the sinner.

2.2.1 “But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt. 5:28).

2.2.2 Just because we believe that we should not condone the sinners does not mean that we should condone the sin.

2.3 The best way to see how to deal with sins, is to see first how God dealt with people’s sins.

- “God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day” (Ps. 7:11).

In this most trying time, we must reach out to people just like Christ did, and show them our love.

Reflection: What were some of the moments that you put others first before yourself?

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