

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose* (Romans 8:28 NKJV).

Hello Leader, co-leaders, hosts, apprentices and leaders in training:

The BIG RESET: Our NEW Normal

Life's clunky right now. Technology is needed where face-to-face interaction is no longer safe. But **you are** finding ways to connect...GREAT JOB!

Here are a few helpful Crisis Leadership Tips I've gleaned from some great leadership thinkers:

1. **What you do now as a small group leader will have an impact on your small group for months—maybe years—to come.** Small group communities have the potential to come out of this disaster more connected than ever before. What you do, as a leader, during this time is important. Prayerfully ask God, "At the end of this, what do You want this small group to look like?"
2. **Use this opportunity to KEEP ON keeping on.** Encourage your people to be their best selves. Serve one another in the best ways you are able. Step into their shoes and ask yourself, "What do they need? How can I be of service?"
3. **"People need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed." Samuel Johnson.** Never underestimate the power of simple reminders. Many people's brains are hijacked right now. People forget even the most basic things during this type of crisis. Be gentle and remind them of what's most important:
 - a. keep a regular sleep/awake schedule
 - b. keep exercising
 - c. eat as healthy as possible
 - d. drink lots of water
 - e. keep reaching out to each other for comfort, support and encouragement
4. **Tell people how you can specifically help them.** Don't just say, "If you need me, I'm here." Remember, crises hijack our brains. Give them two simple choices, regarding any reminder or help. Sometimes people struggle to make even the simplest of decisions.

I saw a text thread going around today that gave me some measure of inspiration. After just a few weeks of facing this disaster, families are regrouping, organizations are bonding, and individuals are finding they have more resilience than they realized. This is the **BIG RESET** that some of us have possibly wanted or needed but would have never signed up for in this fashion.

- Carnival Cruise line told President Trump, "We can match those big Navy hospital ships with some fully staffed cruise ships."
- GM & Ford said, "Hold our cars, watch this; we can make ventilators where we were making cars by next week."
- Construction companies said, "Here are some masks for the medical staff & doctors."
- Restaurants & schools said, "We've got kitchens & staff; we can feed the kids."
- NHL & NBA players are writing checks to pay the arena staff during postponed seasons.
- Churches are holding online services & taking care of their members & community.
- Women & children are making homemade masks & handing out snacks to truckers.
- Breweries are making sanitizer out of the left-over ingredients.
- People thought they couldn't live without baseball, hockey, & NASCAR, or going to beaches, restaurants, or coffee shops. Instead, we're ordering take-out to help keep businesses alive.

What good can you do to be a great leader in this BIG RESET? Remember, humans are **very resilient** when our minds are on-line and not hijacked. Let's help our small groups get out of "hijack mode" and into "new normal" mode.

[Zoom Next Steps](#)

Last week we offered you the opportunity to visit current Zoom small groups. Many of you took advantage of this and the feedback has been all positive!

This week, it's time for you to take your Zoom experience from that of a "visitor/participant" to that of a "leader." In your email/text, there are links to four videos that will help you acclimate to setting up, and conducting, your very own Zoom small group meeting. Again, if you have any questions/challenges, feel free to reach out to us. We can walk you through it.

Enjoy learning how to use this great tool!

<https://youtu.be/fMUxzrgZvZQ>

https://youtu.be/sJq_OM5VcDY

<https://youtu.be/8Dq1syZX2O4>

<https://youtu.be/ZQgai-QQKT0>

[Stories of Connection... \(please email us your story of connection!\)](#)

*Our group had a **real positive** experience of last night's Zoom meeting. Most of us had never participated in an internet meeting. Through your encouragement we are going to set up our own group. Thanks again & God Bless. Gary*

*We experienced a few technical glitches at first. But once OK, everybody participated, and it was a **good experience**. In some cases, some of the quiet ones seemed more willing to share than in person; so, an advantage there. Dick*

**Do you get our weekly Small Group Texts?
If not, text "SGLEADERS" to 555888**

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2. Sign up for Pastor Jeremiah's daily devotional: [click here](#).
3. Watch the livestream of church services on our website, [click here](#).
4. Watch on Facebook: [click here](#).
5. Be sure to read any new communications that you get from Shadow Mountain.

Leader Zoom Meet Up

We are working to have an all-leader Zoom meet up sometime in the next couple weeks Stay tuned!

New Leader Zoom Trainings

We are also working to host Zoom trainings for anyone interested in learning how to lead a group from their home. More information to come.

Cancelled...Appreciation Event

As with all other events on the SMCC campuses, the Appreciation Event has been officially cancelled. We hope to do something to celebrate you at some point and will keep you informed when we find a viable solution! For now, please know that we APPRECIATE YOU!!!

We are PROUD of you.
You are NEEDED.
We BELIEVE in you.

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another (Hebrews 10:24, 25 NKJV).

In this with you!

Lead well,

Pastor Dale, Bethany and Melissa