

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV).

**Happy Easter leaders, co-leaders, hosts, apprentices and leaders in training:**

### [Progress NOT Perfection](#)

We talked last week about the “New Normal.” And because it is new it is not complete. Hear this loud and clear: The new normal *is a process*. None of us were prepared for life to change so drastically. Your focus should be on **Progress...not Perfection**.

What this means is that you may find you’re generally stressed or unsettled. You may still feel unsure about the technology you’re trying to master or are simply overwhelmed by it all. When you feel this way, take your eyes off of what you’re getting *wrong* (i.e. **Perfection**) and focus on what you are getting *better at* (i.e. **Progress**). Celebrate wins big and small. Accept that the new normal might not feel **normal** yet and set your sights on how to continue your progress.

We 100% believe in you through all of this. You have everything you need to do well, and when you need help, we’ve got you covered.

### [Staying Connected for Easter](#)

Shadow Mountain has some great things planned for this weekend’s Easter service – things we’ve never tried before. I hope you are excited! But, with the holiday being so different, your group will need you a little more this week, so it’s important to stay connected.

Some ideas you might explore are an extra group “meeting” (online) or group call on Easter Sunday just to hear friendly voices and see familiar faces on a holiday that, for many, is so much about “congregating.” If that isn’t something you can organize due to schedules, etc., you may consider, as the leader, calling each group member this weekend just to touch base and, most importantly, **connect**.

### [Zoom Next Steps](#)

We hope you are making use of this awesome tool to fuel the connectivity of your group. Two weeks ago, we encouraged you to try out an existing online small group, and last week we gave you tools and ideas for learning how to manage it yourself for your own group. This week we have even more to offer!

#### **Zoom Leader Community**

We collaborated with our Online Pastor, Rod Gray, on a new way to touch base with all of you! We are excited to announce that starting next week we will have an online Leader Community with any and every leader, co-leader, host, apprentice and leader-in-training who is available to attend. Our desire is to get better connected with one another and create a new level of normalcy with how lead our small groups. Bring your questions, concerns, and stories of connection. Below are the details for both meetings:

Monday, April 13, 6:30-7:30pm

Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/978149867>

**Meeting Password 141310**

Thursday, April 16, 1:00-2:00pm

Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/811171922>

**Meeting Password 425206**

**Stories of Connection... (please email us your story of connection!)**

*I conducted an inquiry-of-interest with my group. 100% are willing to attempt Zoom...I'm going to try that tonight!*

**- Dan**

*Our South Bay "Yokefellows" SG (that my wife and I lead) has been going on for a number of weeks with the last 2 weeks via ZOOM (we have 8-14 people attending). We spend 40 minutes in fellowship chat, short devotionals, and prayers. Blessings!!!*

**- Rey & Mae**

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

**Stay connected to SMCC:**

1. Sign up for digital/online giving: [click here](#).
2. Sign up for Pastor Jeremiah's daily devotional: [click here](#).
3. Watch the livestream of church services on our website, [click here](#).

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

We are PROUD of you.

You are NEEDED.

We BELIEVE in you.

**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).**

In this with you!

Lead well,

**Pastor Dale, Bethany and Melissa**