

The Galilee Baptist Church of Kalamazoo
Summer Bible Study Series: The Post Quarantine Church
Part 1: Genesis 7:1-Genesis 8:22

1. Many people like to recall exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard about a great event or tragic moment in history. It's a common question when speaking about historical events. Do you remember where you were when the COVID-19 global pandemic became a reality?

2. The author, Thom Rainer, identified (3) three catastrophic events in addition to the most recent global pandemic. What were those three events and how do they differ from COVID-19 pandemic particularly as it relates to the Church?

3. Are there any similarities or differences between the Great Global Flood in Genesis 7 that Noah endured and the most recent COVID-19 global pandemic?

4. With the onset of COVID-19, there was more faith and more perseverance than panic, of course with a few exceptions.

- A. True
- B. False

5. It will take _____ before the full emotional and mental toll of the global pandemic can be assessed.

- A. Days
- B. Months
- C. Years
- D. Centuries

6. Not only will there be significant _____ between the pre-pandemic Church and the post-pandemic Church, but it will also likely take some time before we even begin to understand what the new era will look like.

- A. Changes
- B. Surprises
- C. Differences
- D. Optimism

7. Don't let the unknown become a source of fear. You are not entering this new era alone. Not only is God _____ you; He has gone _____ you. (Genesis 8:15-17)

8. The pandemic, the quarantine, and the post-quarantine period has caught God by surprise.

- A. True
- B. False

9. The post-quarantine era is an _____ to make the necessary positive changes to move our churches forward.

- A. Opportunity
- B. Moment
- C. Program
- D. None of the above.

10. Noah's deliverance from the ark was a strategic process that involved _____ and _____. Noah sent the birds out to determine the safety of his exit. Once he received confirmation he built an altar by faith, brought an acceptable offering unto the Lord and gave thanks for His blessings.

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Part 2: Matthew 16:13-20; Hebrews 10:25
Gather Differently and Better

1. The church is not a building, and the building is not a church. But the church _____ is the place where the local church gathers.

- A. Board
- B. Choir
- C. Facility
- D. Diaconate

2. The church is not a social club. It is not a place to come and be entertained. The church is defined as the _____, which means assembly. The word was used in New Testament days for a group of people who had been called out from the general population to serve in the parliament, congress, or counsel of the community, in order to established the governance for the broader citizenry.

- A. Koinoinia
- B. Ecclesia
- C. Agape
- D. Phileos

3. To be apart of the Lord's church, as Jesus defined it, is to be a part of a spiritual legislative body tasked to enact _____ viewpoint in hell's society.

4. As fellow believers, we encourage one another when we meet together. The _____ church is important. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

5. It's time to _____ our perspective in this new era. It's time to _____ how we use our facilities. For too many years, church facilities have been primarily for the benefit of members. What if the facilities became a place *for* the community as well as a place *in* the community.

6. What have been some of the unintended consequences of a "busy" full church calendar?

7. We have seen that the church can survive, even thrive, without the everyday use of the buildings.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Think of one innovative way your church could use its facilities, perhaps something that has never been done.

9. Think of alternative days and times when your church could gather for worship services. Think creatively to reach people you are not currently reaching.

10. Think of ways your church could possibly partner with the local government or schools to use your facilities.