

The Galilee Baptist Church of Kalamazoo
Summer Bible Study Series: The Post Quarantine Church
Challenge 3 -Part 1: Reconnect with the Community Near Your Church

1. Community churches and neighborhood churches have long been a _____ component of our nations' heritage and life.

- A. Minor
- B. Major
- C. Minimum
- D. Minuscule

2. Unfortunately, for some congregations, when the neighborhood changed, the _____ did not change with it.

- A. Community
- B. Ministries
- C. Church
- D. Pastor

3. Some neighborhood churches failed to remain _____ to a new generation, and those generations either moved to a newer and larger church or dropped out of church altogether.

4. During the quarantine, we were regularly reminded by church leaders and church members that the church wasn't _____.

- A. Open
- B. Closed
- C. Relevant
- D. Community-oriented

5. During the pandemic, many churches become more _____ as their freedom to gather people together was taken away.

- A. Inwardly focused
- B. Clandestine
- C. People-oriented
- D. Religious

6. Discuss four (4) reasons why the church has “rediscovered its address” during the pandemic.

7. These lessons learned about the community during the quarantine are powerful reminders of the importance of _____, _____, and _____ in our post-quarantine ministry.

8. One of the most powerful and poignant things we’ve learned is to remember that our churches are in the community for a _____.

9. The post-quarantine era is the perfect time to _____ particularly in the ways we connect with our communities or neighborhoods.

- A. Retreat
- B. Revive
- C. Reset
- D. Resist

10. Think of some ways your church can be more of a positive influence in the community.

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1. In the church, the "slow erosion" in most congregations was tied to the drift in their _____ focus.

- A. Inward
- B. Outward
- C. Upward
- D. Wayward

2. Most churches had begun using their resources of time, people, ministries, and money to take care of _____.

- A. Bills
- B. Benevolence
- C. Themselves
- D. Others

3. Think about the principle of "slow erosion" and consider whether this gradual decline is taking place in your church.

4. In what way does the local church often replace the "Great Commission" with "great complacency"?

5. According to the Book of Acts, what did God allow to create a sense of urgency for the Jerusalem church to ignite the next phase of the Great Commission?

- A. Peace
- B. Protection
- C. Persecution
- D. Perversion

6. In our day, God sent a wave of urgency to the world in the form of _____.

- A. Racism
- B. Nuclear warfare
- C. Global warming
- D. COVID-19

7. According to the Great Commission, the local church must focus our outward vision on reaching _____, the people who are right around us, in our neighborhoods, cities, and towns.

- A. Worldwide
- B. Samaria
- C. Judea
- D. Jerusalem

8. We cannot and must not return to the days of comfort and routine. We must move forward with Great Commission _____ and _____.

9. Discuss key reasons why some neighborhood churches have not fared well for the past few decades.

10. Today, many neighborhood churches are making a comeback. They are _____ the community, _____ the community, and _____ the community.

11. God is truly using a challenging and tragic time to bring things together for His _____.

- A. Ego
- B. Power
- C. Glory
- D. Dominion