

Sermon Discussion Guide - 3 commitments towards a flourishing Church (even through a pandemic)

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Please use the following as a reflection / discussion guide following Daniel Bullock's sermon

Questions to wrestle with that indicate a desire to flourish

- Where do you think God is in relation to the covid-19 pandemic?
- What is God saying to our church?
- What does God want our church to focus on, repent from, or strip back in order for us to truly flourish?
- What has God already gifted and entrusted to our church that will empower us to be on mission in the community?
- Where are the signs of vitality in our church?
- What are our church's strengths?
- Why are we here and would it matter if our church disappeared?

Doxology

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV version)

As you slowly read and re-read the passage take note of what you see. What does it say? What does it reveal about God? What does it reveal about you? What questions does it provoke? What does it not say? Record at least six observations here:

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Commitment 1 - Keeping Jesus at the centre

How is Jesus central to your personal and church life right at the moment?

Do you need to make some adjustments to make room for Jesus?

Make a list of what they are and develop a plan to implement the adjustments.

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Commitment 2 - Mission in your neighbourhood (Congregational Mission)

In what ways are you loving your neighbour corporately as a church community and individually?

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Commitment 3 – The need to hold to Unity (Congregational Life and Character)

In what ways are you as members and leaders engaged/ engaging, involved / involving and in agreement with the direction and life of your church?

In what ways are you seeking to support, encourage and connect to other faith communities other than your church?

What impact do you think this is having towards the members of that church and the broader community?

Prayer

Let the doxology and your answers to these questions guide your prayer. Write down key actions steps for yourself that flow out of your prayer.

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