



What's NEXT?

Visioning Sessions


Book: *The Post-Quarantine Church* by *Thom S. Rainer*

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Opening Comments

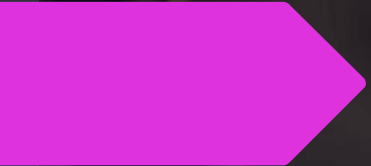
- ▶ You are not entering a new era alone. Not only is God with you; God has gone before you. pg. 8
- ▶ ...none of this – the pandemic, the quarantine, the post-quarantine period- caught God by surprise. God has a plan ready and waiting for the church. pg. 8
- ▶ The post quarantine era is an opportunity to make the necessary positive changes to move our church forward. pg. 9



What are you proud of that St. James did during the pandemic and transition of church leadership to continue moving forward in ministry?



What stuck out to you in Challenge 1?



Gather Differently and Better


“...use church buildings as a tool for outreach instead of a cocoon for members.” pg. 19

- **What do you think about this comment?**
- **Do you agree or disagree?**
- **Why or why not?**



Small Group Discussion- 1

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What stuck out to you in
Challenge 2?

Seize your opportunity to reach the digital world.


Look at the digital world as a mission field.

- **What do you think about this thought or idea?**
- **How do you do this? What will it take?**

3 Core Groups of worshippers

- Digital Only – Physically unable to attend. Enjoys Flexibility of the online platform, High Risk, unwilling or unready to return.
- Digitally Transitioning – Those who are making the transition back to in-person worship
- Dual Citizens – Those you attend small groups and worship both in-person and online.

How will the church reach and minister to these 3 groups?



“As we prayerfully seek ways for our churches to become a more potent missional force in the digital world, we must be careful not to fall into the trap of church busyness. God has uniquely equipped each of our congregations to move forward in the post-quarantine era. But we can’t do everything....we must not attempt to do everything.”

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Small Group Discussion- 2

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What stuck out to you in Challenge 3?

Reconnect with the community near your church.

“Perhaps one of the most powerful and poignant things we’ve learned is to remember that our churches are in the community for a reason.”

pg.43

“These lessons are powerful reminders of the importance of people, prayer, and purpose in our post-quarantine ministry.” **pg.44**

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Small Group Discussion- 3

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Closing

“The biggest problem with the “back to normal” approach is that the world has changed significantly. The pre-quarantine world and post-quarantine world are not the same. Churches cannot minister effectively using methods for a world that no longer exists.



Thank you for joining me!!

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