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Insights through isolation

What have we learned over the past eight weeks of being “the church scattered”?

- **Following Christ is our personal responsibility**
As we are scattered and largely isolated to our homes, we have had to work out what it means to follow Christ every day –how to maintain a personal relationship with Him, how to stay focussed on where Jesus is and where He wants us to be. We’ve had to rely on certain disciplines like praying regularly, reading the Bible on our own or together with our family. These things are our personal responsibility - the church cannot do it for us.
- **We can’t do it alone**
We need the support of our church to survive spiritually, especially when we are hit with unexpected challenges or when we celebrate important milestones in the midst of the stresses a long quarantine brings. We are not strong enough alone - and we were never meant to be. We need the support of others. We need to be loved, accepted, comforted, encouraged, taught, challenged and admonished. Our church community is vital for our well-being.

Since it seems that we will have to live with some level restrictions for some time, we want to encourage you to continue to cultivate your personal relationship with Jesus. Fight, if necessary, for time alone with God. Practice prayer alone or together with other members of your household. And be thankful!

Seek ways to stay in touch - join an online small group, call up friends or someone who might be struggling, meet with them online, via Skype or FaceTime. Share your journey with them as you share in theirs. **BE** the church to those who seek community. We are in this together!

Celebrating the positive

Here are a few things we are celebrating this week:

- We are excited that over 150 people are taking part in a Grace Point online small group! Check out the Online Small Groups page of our website for information. New groups continue to be added based on demand and willing leaders.
- A half dozen people came out to do some spring-cleaning yard work here at GPC today. A big ‘Thank you’ to everyone for willingness and your hard work!
- We have seen a steady stream of financial support during this time. Thank you for your continued faithful support which allows us to keep offering various ministries in new ways!

Connected class

Our next *Connected* class will be on June 6, 10:00 AM. This is a 1 ½ hour online commitment. You will be introduced to GPC, who we are, what we stand for and have an opportunity to ask questions. It is one of the requirements to become a voting member as well as some volunteer/leadership roles. Sign up on our website under ‘Explore Pathway Classes’.

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