

Subject: CG Leader Update (COVID-19) | March 2020

Dear friends,

On March 5, you received [a letter from Pastor David](#) regarding how Redeemer West Side is responding to COVID-19 as relates to our larger gatherings, like Sunday worship services. Should you have any questions about Redeemer's plan, please see that letter and then if questions still remain, please let us know.

But as a leader of a community group, we want to specifically follow up with you. As of today (March 11, 2020), we are not advising any community groups to stop meeting. That said, a couple things to bear in mind:

- For any leaders and/or hosts that are uncomfortable with meeting/hosting in light of COVID-19, please feel free to take off the time you want/need. Just keep us in the loop, and please be overly communicative with all the members of your CG.
- If your group does continue to meet, please encourage each member of your group to practice safe habits during this season (e.g., engage in hand washing, avoid hand shaking, following recommended guidelines if feeling any symptoms of illness). For more on these safe habits, please consult Pastor David's letter.
 - Also, some members may ask to meet virtually (FaceTime, Google Hangouts, etc.), and that's fine! For many folks in our city this is an anxiety-inducing season, so as leaders let's go out of our way to love and serve every member of our small group, encouraging them to participate (or not) however they feel most comfortable.
- If your group does not continue to meet, as the leader please be creative and proactive about keeping your group connected through WhatsApp and other virtual means. For some of your members, your CG may be one of the only places for social connection. We want to be mindful of them, since further isolation might lead to depression or anxiety, especially as people are increasingly being encouraged to work from home.
- Lastly—for you or any members of your CG—please know that the pastoral staff is available and willing to talk with anyone who needs to process or pray together. CG Directors are available for appointments and we also have added limited hours at W83 where a pastoral staff member is available for prayer and conversation without appointments. Contact [Susana](#) or [W83 Front Desk](#) for the pastoral schedule.

And of course, if you have any questions or concerns about leading your community group during this season, don't hesitate to reach out. We are grateful for you and praying for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Questioning Christianity (QC): Livestream only

Thu, Mar 19, 7:00 p.m. online only

The event will be hosted only through livestream this month. Check the [website](#) later this week for details.

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