**What does this make possible?**

With everything that is going on in the world, it can seem like the whole world is doom and gloom. Restaurants were closed. Every student was suddenly homeschooled. Businesses were pushed to go remote. Churches were closed. All these changes were forced upon us and we can resist the change, or we can embrace the change.

What if, instead of looking at all the things we can’t do, we asked ourselves **“What does this make possible?”** Carey Nieuwhof puts it like this, “Crisis is a cradle for innovation.”

During this crisis we have had to get creative with how we do ministry. The leadership team has spent a significant amount of time over the past few months rethinking how we are doing ministry. This crisis has forced us to innovate how we are “being the church”.

What does this make possible for Shiloh Wesleyan Church?

This has already made online services possible, which allows us to not only view our services wherever we are, but we are now able to stream the service to people who wouldn’t normally come to the Shiloh church building, or go to a church at all.

This has also encouraged some people to try connecting outside of the normal Sunday service time. Some small groups have tried new meeting times or locations that they wouldn’t have otherwise. Some have been calling and visiting others outside of Sunday service.

What else will this crisis make possible?

We are going to be faced with situations that we wouldn’t want to face. We are going to have situations that cause us to rethink the way we are doing ministry.

When faced with these situations, what if we asked ourselves, **“What does this make possible?”** When we do this, we are following Jesus’ words in Mark 16:15-16 when he said, *“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* (ESV)

This does not mean that we compromise the gospel, this means that our methods change. Our message remains the same that it always has been – Jesus Christ is the Savior for a world far from God.

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