

# RLC Response Plan

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#BetterTogether

# AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE TRULY BELIEVE WE ARE #BETTERTOGETHER. WE HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED FOR MINISTRY FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

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During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, it is important to remember God's promises to us. God's Word remains powerful and strong. God's promises because they never fail. Psalm 91 says,

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 Surely he will save you  
from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only observe with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- 9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
10 no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;  
12 they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- 14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

# We will be #BetterTogether by, not reacting, but responding in three ways:

## 1. #BetterTogether by supernaturally exercising faith over fear.

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

ROMANS 8:28

*“Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine.”*

ISAIAH 43:1

### LIFE-GIVING PRAYER.

✓ We need to pray for those most vulnerable to this virus and pray that its impact is thwarted by the power of God through our prayers.

### LIFE-GIVING FAITH, WISDOM AND LOVE.

✓ We need to each personally and corporately invite the Holy Spirit to work in us so that He can work through us in the coming days, weeks and months.

### LIFE-GIVING COMMUNITY.

✓ We need to prioritize our time together even though it is mostly digital for the time being. Meeting together will bring peace and healing during this season of unknown.

## 2. #BetterTogether by moving forward with wisdom and spiritual confidence the Bible calls bold, loving, and a sensible.

*“God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.”*

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 MSG

### WE WILL MODIFY OUR SCHEDULE AND METHODS.

We miss being together in person but, until then, we will continue to do life together and reach lost people with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

✓ SUNDAY GATHERING PLANS- We will continue to monitor the developments of our city and state. We will use the wisdom God has given us to make the best decisions possible concerning gathering in person from week to week. However, we will always meet. It will either be in person or online.

✓ We will be providing Premiere Experiences & Select Events on Facebook and YouTube on Sundays at the following times: 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm, & 7:00pm

✓ We are asking everyone to “like and turn notifications on” our Facebook Page, Subscribe on YouTube, and follow us on Instagram to receive updates & online programming details.

✓ We will be providing daily hope videos by Pastor Brandon to be a source of encouragement and hope. These videos will premiere at 3pm every day.

✓ We will be providing opportunities for StudentLife to move fully online. Contact [derek@experiencerlc.com](mailto:derek@experiencerlc.com) or [bree@experiencerlc.com](mailto:bree@experiencerlc.com) for details.

✓ We will be providing opportunities for KidsLife to continue to pour into our next generation by offering our Orange Curriculum for families online. Contact [info@experiencerlc.com](mailto:info@experiencerlc.com) for details.

✓ RLC LifeGroups will be moving fully online by utilizing various online platforms such as Zoom, Facebook Messenger, FaceTime, etc. Contact [whitney@experiencerlc.com](mailto:whitney@experiencerlc.com) for details.

✓ We will be providing opportunities to attend Growth Track via an app called Zoom. Contact [info@experiencerlc.com](mailto:info@experiencerlc.com) for details.

## **WE WILL GUARD OUR HEARTS.**

It can be tempting to focus on the doom and gloom in the news, to get caught up in arguments about conspiracy theories or to lament the lack of toilet paper. Don't fall for it. Instead of focusing on all of that, build yourself up by filling yourself with God's Word.

✓ Let us dig into God's Word like never before and go there for our continual source of comfort.

✓ Let prayer be your constant source of strength. Every feeling of anxiety is a trigger to prayer.

## **WE WILL BE THE CHURCH.**

The church is more than an event, a building or even a LifeGroup, the church is a spiritual family. We need to continue to be resilient and to meet the needs of our church and community in creative ways.

- ✓ We are empowering our leaders to serve team members via check-ins on text and phone.
- ✓ We will be continually posting opportunities to serve our community on social media. Be sure to let us know when you are available to join in.
- ✓ We are adding new initiatives as ideas are developed and needs arise.

## **3. #BetterTogether by continuing to be faithful in all things.**

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

GALATIANS 6:9

- ✓ We will be faithful to show the love of Christ through our interactions on social media, at the grocery stores, in our conversations, and in everything we do. You might be the catalyst God wants to use to bring hope to others. Fear and hope are both contagious. Make sure you what you are spreading is worth catching.
- ✓ We will be faithful to share the love of Christ by being His Hands and Feet through serving when possible. Community Outreach will continually evolve over the next few weeks. When opportunity present themselves, let's serve together.
- ✓ We will be faithful to honor God though our giving and tithing to our local church. Your giving gives us the opportunity to be generous and make a difference to those who need it the most in our community. Our ability to serve our community is in your hands.

**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER. WE EMBRACE THAT GOD HAS CALLED US FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.**

