

Hey Families,

This past few weeks has been a whirlwind of changes for our community. As someone serving this community, I've personally seen the immense amount of effort our teams are contributing to provide a space for our community to continue to find and follow Jesus together through this challenging time. I've been encouraged by the rally of our community to help those in need and the effort to remain consistent in relational investment at all levels.

Here are a few things to remember during this time:

This time is God-given.

- As families we have the opportunity to show students how much we care about them through specific family time.
- Doing things like family movie nights and dinner together at the dinner table can provide great connections and conversations that further the spiritual growth of students.

This time is unique.

- There are few times in our nation's history where we have been able to collectively connect with our families in this way.
- Be willing to stop and listen to what God is saying for you and your family during the structured distancing.

This time is momentary.

- Know that although this time is specifically challenging for everyone remember that a day is coming when this will be the past.
- Let's take advantage of the time we've been given and set goals to reset, to lean in, and to make some new traditions that will last beyond this season for our country and our families.

As we move through COVID-19 restrictions here are some ways Student Ministries has adjusted to accommodate the change:

- All teaching will be posted with study guides on Sunday afternoons for students and families to utilize at home.
- A worship playlist will be posted on both LPStudents Instagram pages and Facebook pages.
- High School Small Groups will be meeting at their normally scheduled times next week via video conferencing.
 - Staff will be training Small Group Leaders to use WebEx by Cisco Systems as a primary software but are allowed to use what works best for their individual groups.
- Middle School Small Groups will not have scheduled meetings, but small group leaders are encouraged to reach out to small groups and their students.

LPStudents Events

- Ignite
 - RVR was forced to cancel Ignite for this year due to government restrictions on gatherings. Any payments made for this event will be refunded within the next few days.
- Crash
 - This high school event was scheduled for April 24-25th has been canceled due to concerns about an extension of restrictions and for safety concerns.
- #LPUndistancing

- We will be launching an ongoing LPStudents event THIS SUNDAY 3/22.
 - Please tune into our Instagram and Facebook for more details on Sunday!

Thank you all that you do for your students! Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests.

-Jeff Tomlin, Director of Student Ministries