

March 17, 2020  
9:30 p.m.

**Hello Compass Family Member,**

As you know, we are living through rather interesting times right now. Governor Evers directed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue an agency order prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 people or more to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order makes exceptions for transportation, educational institutions, child care, hotels, military, law enforcement, food pantries, hospitals, and long-term care facilities (not churches).

Since the Bible instructs Christians to submit to the leadership of governmental leaders (Romans 13:1), **we are suspending all Compass Church gatherings until further notice.** We regret any grief this may cause, but we do not want to be responsible for anyone in our congregation becoming ill. Out of love for our members and respect for our authorities, our church doors will be closed to services and other meetings. We're delaying the launch of our GPS Small Group Ministry. Additionally, Book Club, Men's Breakfast, Joy Club, Celebrate Recovery and other regularly scheduled gatherings will be postponed until further notice.

Thankfully, by the providence of God, we have a high-quality, live-streaming video of our Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. [The service is also recorded and available for viewing afterward.] Simply go to **CompassJVL.com**. Then, click on "**Weekly Sermon**" on the homepage. When you click that at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, you'll automatically be brought into the service live as it happens. Join me Sunday, as we look to the Bible for answers to the questions we have about the current crisis.

Also, I'm talking with other Compass Ministry Leaders to find ways of connecting and serving UP, IN and OUT. Check our website and facebook page regularly for updates.

This isn't the first time God's Church has had to "roll with the punches." Paul provided heartfelt encouragement to a first-century church that was experiencing severe difficulty:

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Rom. 8:31-37)

**God Bless You and God Bless Compass Church!**

***Pastor Scott***