



Episode 2: Pandemic Growth

COVID-19 has rivetted our nation and the Church has taken a hard hit. There are many people asking themselves the question; Will I even have a church after this global pandemic? But I want to pose a question to you today; what if this was a season of growth? If so, how would even measure it?

In this episode called Pandemic Growth, we will look at how to measure growth in these uncertain times.

2 Corinthians 12:9

“9 But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. ‘Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Weakness creates space for God’s strength and power to invade your life. -@JasonWilliams

When leaders grow, the church grows!

Philippians 3:17

Measure what matters: God and people! -@JasonWilliams

Questions to consider:

- Are people taking steps closer to God?
- Are people removing sin?
- Are people stepping up to serve?
- Are people sharing Jesus with others?
- Are people joining small groups?
- Are people spending more quality time with their family?

A pandemic doesn't have to stop growth, it can be a catalyst for it. -@JasonWilliams

A pandemic leads to smaller decisions because they scale our vision back, but they can allow us to focus on what matters most, God and people.

Use this time to evaluate your systems to make sure your system is carrying you where you want to go. If not, it's time to change.

A pandemic teaches us change is necessary sometimes to save lives. -@JasonWilliams

Evaluation will be the key to future success because it allows you to measure your actions to make sure you are focused on what matters most.

Use the evaluation tool to measure pandemic growth:

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When we measure feet, we use inches to determine liner feet so don't complicate your evaluation by looking for big growth. We are in a pandemic. Focus on smaller changes that lead to big change over time.

1. Evaluate your personal growth and the growth you see in others?

- Personal:
- Other:
(Do you see people sharing Jesus more, giving more, serving online, etc..)

2. Evaluate your lifestyle adjustments?

- What normal activities or freedoms have been taken away? Has the removal the normal helped you focus more on God, your family, and sharing Jesus with others?
- What conclusions should you take away from this that will help you create or keep good habits in the future?

3. Evaluate your passion for the church?

- Has the pause in gathering helped you understand more or less about your church? If less, what could you communicate with your church leadership to help bridge the communication gap.
- Has the pause in gathering at church helped you grow a greater appreciation for being with God's people? Process your answer.

After you evaluate, bring everything before God and work toward making any changes that help you or the church grow.