

Ten Ways to Focus on Others During COVID-19

1. **Don't panic** but take advised precautions sincerely. Think of others. Don't be blind to high risk behavior. Wash your hands. Carry sanitizer. Clean before and after you use something.
2. Check on **high-risk friends** and neighbors and ask if there is anything they need done (shopping, yard stuff, cleaning, etc).
3. **Trust the experts.** I believe any issue is often used as leverage for or against someone else. While this may feel "political," it isn't – it's medical. Are some people making political statements? Yep. But the virus itself isn't voting this November. Don't add to the silly political positioning that's going on.
4. Do you know anyone that struggles with **depression** or loneliness. Could this impact them? Show interest and genuine love and concern.
5. Do you know anyone this struggles **financially** that is losing time at work? Could this impact access to their daily needs? Share. Give. Be generous.
6. **Buy** what you need for a week or two but not for a month. When we all panic and purchase more than we need, the supply chain is disrupted and causes issues.
6. Treat fellow shoppers with **respect**. Love on and appreciate those who are serving you as they stock the shelves of your preferred grocery store.
7. Since schools are closed, do you have **childcare** concerns? Look for creative ways you can partner with another family to take care of the kids. If you don't have children, would you be willing to help? You might make a friend for life!
8. If you do go out to eat or benefit from any kind of service (waitress, hairdresser, etc), be extra **generous** realizing that their normal traffic is likely slower.
9. Think about ways you can support the church and non-profits around us. You can mail your tithe and offering to 9500 W. Pierson Road, Flushing 48433. You can give directly from your banking institution. And of course, you can give electronically by going to our website – if you need help, get in touch with our office at 810.732.0282.
10. Think about what you can **go without**. Is there something you can give up or sacrifice (like freedom to go where you want – when you want) in order to be safe and keep others you love safe?

So, if we do this we will begin to think less about ourselves & more about others! If anything, we are realizing just how connected to the world we truly are. Could this be the time when we look beyond color, nationality and beliefs and learn to love each other the way God has told us to? I hope so.

Let it start with me. - Pastor Terry