# Redeemer's Vision during COVID-19

Redeemer has always been a church that embraces the rhythm of "*Gather and Go."* We've *gathered* to enjoy fellowship, to worship together, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Then, we've *gone* out into the world to overflow with Christ's redeeming love in all areas of our lives. **But now we must live, work, play and *even gather* within our homes for the time being.**

Our "stay at home" mandate has now been extended through at least April 30th.  Let's let Paul's words to the Colossians (4:2-6) help us adapt to this new normal:

*Verse 2: Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*
- This time is an opportunity to learn the power of prayer. Through prayer, we are in fact *intimately connected* to our Lord and to one another. Let's commit time to praying, and watch as the Lord responds!

*Verse 3: At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word...*
- The "open door for the word" starts with a commitment to one another, and bleeds into the community around us. It will be easy to "*pass*" on our online worship, home group, fellowship with one another, etc. However, even online, participation in a local church is the best way to live the life of a disciple. Christians are not meant to passively receive "church," but rather to actively engage in the body according to the gifts we have been given.  By committing to one another, we will have positioned ourselves to be a blessing to those outside our fellowship.

*Verses 5-6: Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*
- We still interact (via phone, online, or letters) with coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends. Continue to be intentional about glorifying God during this season. In our words and interactions, combat: panic with peace, resentment with gratitude, anger with love, hostility with kindness, and fear with hope.