



If you have watched enough news these past days, I'm sure you have seen some crazy things. People fighting over toilet paper and Lysol has been the craziest ones that I have come across! During times of crisis, we can often see the "worst" of people when they are under stress and for the most part, the "worst" is what gets viewed the most.

As followers of Christ, we have been given a prime opportunity to show the "best", that is Christ in us. John 13:35 says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." How do we show that love for one another during these times? Let me suggest a few:

1. Let your social media posts be filled with love and grace! Our stress, frustration, and anxiety can often come out in negative ways. The world is literally watching and reading what we do, so guard your heart, reposts and key stroke wisely!
2. Reach out to your neighbors to see if you can serve them in any way...or if you need serving, let them or us do so.
3. In your limited interactions with others, as you are at the grocery store, doctor, or wherever you may be, look for God to show you ways to show kindness to others. Our theme is still very relevant during this time. We can still be looking for one to invite to our online services, pray with them in person or over the internet, or share the Gospel with them.

Let me give you a personal example. We were caught at a grocery store during a rush this past week. We stayed the course and eventually were able to check out. When we got up to the employee with our groceries, she looked a little ragged and rightly so. We asked if we could buy her a drink and a snack to eat. I think we blew her away. She said we were the first people to come through the line to ask her how she was doing and if we could get something for her! What an opportunity! Unfortunately, your associate pastor did not have an invite card, but I did take those few moments to invite her to join us online Sunday for services. Let the Holy Spirit lead you to serve those so busy serving us during these times! Please share ways you have been able to live out John 13:35!

I literally can't wait to see you again!  
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