



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**MISSION OVER PROGRAMS:** We understand that our campus, programs and ministries are just tools to help us accomplish our true mission of “Bridging relationships to pursue the life adventure of following Jesus together.” Therefore, we will re-engage ministries on campus when we believe that in-person gatherings will be more effective in accomplishing our mission than virtual only.

**LIFE GROUPS ARE THE FUTURE AND THE NOW:** Life Groups are uniquely positioned to be safe environments for face-to-face ministry in the future and are strategic to our long-term discipleship strategy. Therefore, during this time, we will prioritize the growth and health of our Life Groups and their leaders.

**SAFETY IS IMPORTANT:** We will stay up to date on the latest science and recommendations from the various health officials (CDC, State and County) to make wise and safe decisions. When most of the participants of a ministry can engage in the ministry safely, then we will consider opening it. Every one of our ministries is unique and has different risk factors, therefore when possible we will seek to make decisions based on the specific needs of the particular ministry as opposed to a general one-size-fits-all decision.

**WE CANNOT TURN INWARDS:** During crises, we will resist the temptation of isolationism, tribalism and defensive living. Instead, we believe God is calling us to engage our community with the hope of Jesus. We are the church and the church is not limited to a physical location. The church has been more alive than ever and has ministered to more people than ever before. We expect ministry to be different when we return on campus. Doing ministry in the new normal will be an exciting opportunity to engage more people with the good news of Jesus Christ.