

**Discussion Guide**

- **While we don't always choose our circumstances, we do have the ability to choose our responses. But the response that has the potential to reverse the natural course of things isn't natural at all. We need God to guide us. Next we have to ask ourselves some hard questions. (Let's remember to show grace as people open themselves up. Differing opinions are an opportunity to show supernatural love.)**
- **Time to take off our masks and be vulnerable, wait... I mean your facade mask not your surgical one. This next part will be uncomfortable. That is ok, because rarely does anything of value happen in our comfort zones.**
- **Is this who I want to be financially? Go around and talk about how this time of crisis has either exposed some cracks in your finances or talk about how you prepared for something like this.**
- **Do you find these 2 statements to be true?**
  - 1. I want is better than I owe.**
  - 2. A financial hole is normally due to a lack of self-control.**
- **A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls. - Proverbs 25:28**
- **Is this who I wanted to be relationally? What relationship in your life do you need to work on the most? How are you going to make sure you don't ignore those problems?**
- **Is this who I wanted to be personally? What uncomfortable questions have crept into your mind during this time? How has your world view been challenged? How are you going to move forward from here?**
- **Is this who we want to be as a church? How has this crisis changed the future of the church? Is there anything that the church is using its resources (time, attention, or money) on that could be better used somewhere else? Two years from now what will we wish we had done?**
- **Is there anyone that didn't speak up before but feels like they needed to share something?**
- **Hard questions are like surgery, it's uncomfortable but needed. Sometimes hard questions reveal that we have wrong priorities. Did these questions reveal any evidence that you're holding some things in higher importance than they should be? Is our mission of loving God and loving people the most important thing to us?**