



## Plan of Action for COVID – 19

**Dates:** March 22 - April 5 (re-evaluated week to week)

### **LOVE GOD**

• **We will continue to express our love for God in worship through our time, talent and treasure.**

### **Sunday Worship**

We will be moving to a digital service format.

Services will be streamed Sundays at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Services will be streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

### **Prayer**

Under the direction of Pastor Devin and our Prayer Team Lead, Crystal Williams, special prayer chains and online prayer meetings via zoom will be hosted weekly during this time.

## **Giving**

Technology has made giving easier than ever before. Please continue to be faithful in the area of financial giving by utilizing our Tithely giving account linked below:

<https://www.stellochurch.com/giving/>

Remember, if you are receiving a paycheck, please remain faithful in giving. God still blesses in dry seasons— Faithfulness in giving is even more important during these seasons in order to keep God's favor in our lives. He will provide for our homes during this season, but we must put him FIRST.

**The following is from a trusted financial source called ACORNS Investments and will hopefully offer some peace of mind:**

1. The Senate proposes sending \$1,200 to each American adult

- The White House and Congress are continuing to work through the details of a sizable stimulus package for the U.S. economy. There are three relief bills involved. Here is more information on the stimulus package.

<https://grow.acorns.com/government-assistance-during-coronavirus/>

- The first bill, signed by President Trump earlier this month, focuses on funding for vaccines and support for states and individuals battling the pandemic.

- This week, the Senate approved the second relief bill. It increases access to paid sick leave, unemployment benefits, and food assistance. The bill also calls for free coronavirus testing if ordered by a doctor.

- On Thursday evening, the Senate released a proposal on the third bill,

which at a minimum would send \$1,200 per American tax paying adult as part of a \$1 trillion economic stimulus plan.

- The proposal also includes \$300 billion for loans to small businesses and private organizations.
- Finally, all foreclosures and evictions, as well as electric and water disconnections, have been ordered to be discontinued until after the restrictions have lifted. We are going to be ok!

## 2. Markets were less volatile Thursday

- The S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average, the two major gauges for the U.S. stock market, were up about 0.5% and 1% respectively, as of Thursday evening.
  - To prevent the spread of the coronavirus, The New York Stock Exchange will temporarily shift to electronic trading beginning March 23.
- ## 3. If you're concerned about work, consider these resources

- The U.S. government has expanded unemployment insurance qualifications for those affected by coronavirus. Please check both state and federal sites for more information.
- A side hustle can help. Here are 7 side hustles suggestions to look into for some... <https://grow.acorns.com/side-hustles-while-working/>
- If your income is compromised, here are tips to help you weather unemployment ( <https://grow.acorns.com/how-i-survived-unemployment-without-touching-my-emergency-fund/> ), revise your budget ( <https://grow.acorns.com/reverse-budgeting-explained-by-ceo-of-clever-girlfinance-bola-sokunbi/> ), and research government programs ( <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/16/what-to-do-if-you-are-facing-financial-hardship-because-of-coronavirus.html> ) that can help.

## **Embrace Truth**

- **“Embrace the difference” God’s Word makes – We value growth, both numerically and spiritually and we will continue in growth.**

## **Digital Discipleship**

We are excited to launch weekly digital discipleship. These will be videos streamed weekly that promote the study of God’s Word in your home. These will be videos that you can watch on our facebook and YouTube pages from our team and Pastor Devin.

## **Devotionals**

Our creatives are working hard on producing weekly devotionals that help you study the Word of God while at home. A simple download from our social media pages and you’ll open a new world of original Stello content and practical steps on how to apply God’s word to your life.

## **LifeGroups**

We will be moving Life Groups to ZOOM. They will be on ZOOM on the days that your leader had previously scheduled in person groups. These groups will help prioritize community in our lives and keep us connected during this time. This is a necessity not a luxury. Signing up is simple: Download Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/download>

## **Become Change**

We must “be the difference”— It’s all about others!

- Church Family Assistance: *If our church families are struggling with necessities, especially food, contact the church and we will help to provide necessities. We will get through this TOGETHER!*

Further, please be sure to stay aware of the news as it pertains to financial assistance. This will help keep you from panicking!

- Reach The Lost: Jesus told his disciples that the world would know them by their love one for another. Continue to reach those far from God and be a light in the darkness. You can be a great light to those far from God by simply sharing all of Stello’s online content. During this time people are going to be very susceptible to the Gospel.

- We will be running paid ads of the following nature:

1- If anyone is need of grocery store runs, our young people are able-bodied and willing to do so.

2- “Finally Some Good News” will be making a come back (this was the tagline our church started with).

We must be intentional and capitalize in this season of opportunity. Let’s grow together! Let’s BE THE DIFFERENCE.

Practical ways you can be involved in outreach during this season:

- *Share the info and links for our Live Services!*
- *Consider leaving a “wellness” package at your neighbor’s door with a few necessary items (hand sanitizer, a roll or two of toilet paper, a couple of bottles of water).*

*With the basket leave a personal note saying, “It isn’t much but we hope this is helpful. We just wanted to remind you that you’re not alone in this time. Here is my phone number \_\_\_\_\_, please call me if you have a need that you would like for us to pray with you about during this time. Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_, your neighbor. Address: \_\_\_\_\_.”*

- *Invite people to be part of Stello’s discipleship venues. Our conference calls will be open source the majority of the time and you can invite others to online prayer meetings and groups.*
- *Be an encourager. The gift of encouragement is going to be invaluable during this season so text, call, post and speak words of encouragement into the lives of those in our community.*

*Thank you for your dedication to God and Stello Church. God is with us and we will continue to be a vision and values driven church in all we do. We believe Stello was uniquely equipped for this moment and that God is going to grow our church during this amazing season. This is His plan. We know that this encompasses each individual and every family that is a part of this incredible community.*

*-The Stello Team*