

Gather together
to be poured out.



post-quarantine

THE CHURCH.

SERMON
SERIES

APRIL 10 -
MAY 23



WEEK TWO



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(HEBREW; "HEART";
"WHOLE BEING")

READ EZEKIEL 36:24-28

We hope you enjoyed the interview with John Cotton Richmond! For this week we will be staying in the passage of Ezekiel (both the guide and the video, taking a closer look at moving from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh).

Week two, looking in the mirror at who we are as a community, who we are to be in this new opportunity of coming back in person! Allowing God to exchange our heart of stone for a heart of flesh. This coming alive, being present to the presence in the present moment.

Looking at ourselves in the mirror as who we are to be in this post-quarantine church may require each of us to take inventory of how we allotted our time and attention. How have you not been present in the moment? How, maybe have you been missing what God has been up to in and around you?

We can be expectant of transformation, when we are in relationship with Jesus. As, he may be expectant of us to show up to bring our lēb (whole being) to him so that he may transform our heart of stone to a heart of flesh! Being renewed.

I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU: I WILL REMOVE FROM YOU YOUR HEART OF STONE AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH.

EZEKIEL 36:26

WE MUST SHOW UP! WE MUST BE PRESENT: If we are to be attentive to the invitation God poses of transformation and a better way of life. So, St. Andrew's have a willingness to lean into the transformation that comes along with trusting Jesus! Seek what it looks like to have a teachable spirit, a heart that is open to change, present to the growing pains and the process of what it looks like to do this in community. Having accountability and trust, continuing to show up, and be present to one another as we continue to learn what it looks like to be the church in post-quarantine culture!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What keeps you from being present?
- How will you allow your group to hold you accountable in being transformed by Jesus?
- Share a story of how you have seen the post-quarantine church differ from the pre-quarantine church?
- *As it pertains to being present: Practice this with your guides: Texting, calling each other to check in!
 - Simple Meditation based on Psalm 46:10.
 - Beginning with the entire sentence, reread the psalm, removing a word or two at a time:
 - Be still and know that I am God.
 - Be still and know that I am.
 - Be still and know.
 - Be still.
 - Be.

PRAYER

- Take this time to pray for your group members. What are specific things you need prayer for?
- How can the church family who is currently around you encourage you this week?



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**BUT IF WE'RE NEVER
WILLING TO BE STILL
WE'LL NEVER KNOW THAT
GOD IS GOD?**

JOHN ORTBERG

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