

Gather together
to be poured out.



post-quarantine

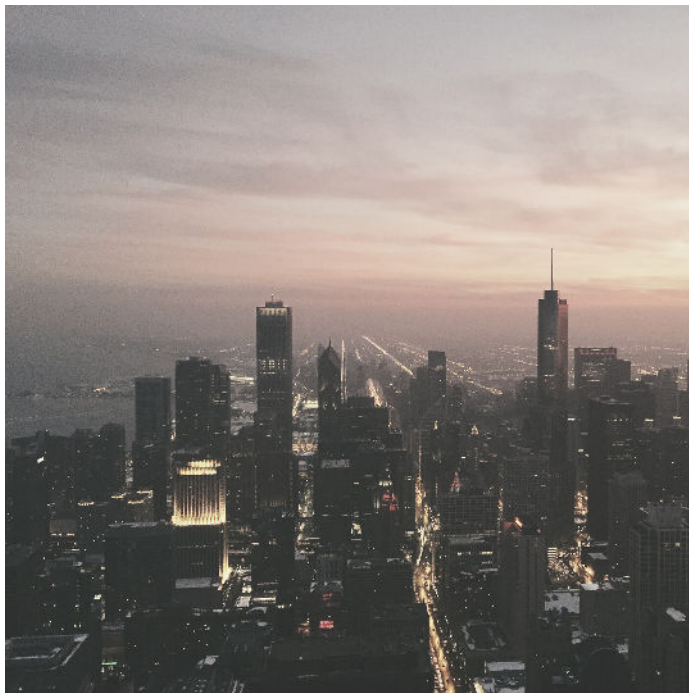
THE CHURCH.

SERMON
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APRIL 10 -
MAY 23



WEEK FOUR



TO BE KNOWN

READ GALATIANS 6:2

We are gathering together for the purpose of sharing in each other's burdens and celebrations—community. Community takes work and effort, especially when looking at this verse:

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"

Intentionally is the key idea behind active listening and active engagement. When we engage with one another with a posture of "tell me more" we build empathy and trust with one another. Trust, vulnerability and intimacy can get messy, and **THANK GOD FOR GRACE!** In the mess and in the sharing of ourselves with the people around us, we fulfill the law of Christ. This very thing is the essence of which enables the church to be the church!

As individuals, following Christ transforms us into people of sound character, who can safely experience intimacy with our community. Sharing is the bridge to bear this deep sense in all of us. It is the bridge to carrying one another's burdens.

WE ARE CALLED TO CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

To be the post quarantine church we must strive toward allowing ourselves to be known and toward knowing others without the desire to fix or change them. What would it look like for your group to come alongside each other, and intentionally champion the beauty and the masterpieces that each of you are! This week, practice listening as you carry each other's burdens.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a story of a time when someone has come along side you in pain or in celebration. What was it like? How did you feel "lifted up"?
- How can you actively look for ways to listen, asking the question, "tell me more"?
- What ways have you grown in intimacy with those around you?
- Who in your life right now may need you to come along side them and help carry their burden?

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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