

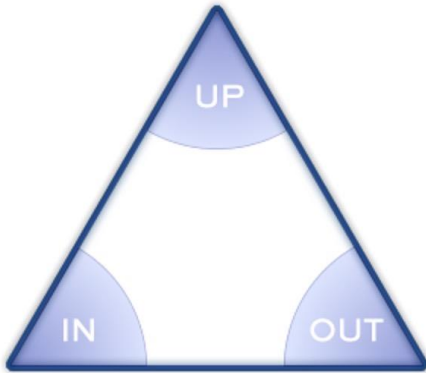
**15 WAYS TO STAY
CONNECTED
AND BUILD
COMMUNITY
WHILE IN ISOLATION
AND SOCIAL
DISTANCING**



Living as Jesus Lived During this Crisis... and Every Day!

Jesus lived life consistently connected to his Father, his disciples, and with those who were outside of his immediate circle in community. He never wavered.

He lived with an UPward focus on his Father, an INward focus with his community, and an OUTward focus toward others. We can have these same 3 priorities & focus.



UPward focus as a community to be with Jesus and connects us deeper to the Father's heart and his love for people.

INward focus helps us live more like a true family, together on mission in everyday life and helps us to become like Jesus

OUTward focus sends us out to do what Jesus did and to bring good news to our city and beyond

During these times of "social distancing" we can still maintain these three priorities as we seek to actually *increase* our connection with others and build new relationships.

Below are some ideas and the technology you might need to get started... pick one or two from each of the 5 focus points (UP-IN-OUT), adjust them for your context, and get started today!

Tech to help facilitate some of these things and stay connected:

[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) – A video conferencing site that works great for group interactions.

[Skype](https://skype.com) – A great free online video and audio-conferencing tool.

[Group FaceTime](https://groupface.com) – This requires everyone to be on an iPhone or Apple tablet.

[WhatsApp](https://whatsapp.com) – fast, simple, secure group messaging for free on any phone.

[Facebook](https://facebook.com) Messenger and Video -

UPward Focus to keep connected to the Father

- Online gatherings of your whole Missional Community
- Join the Rhythm of Daily Prayer online at 9am 12noon and 7pm Mon – Sat
- Regular Prayer Together online at a set time each week.
- Online Bible Study and discussions (video, email, text)
- Worship Nights in in your Missional Community online together

INward Focus to help you connect deeply as a family and community

- Game Night over video, games like Charades, Pictionary, Scattergories
- Check in on £ needs in the community and be good Family, help to meet meet needs and remember we have a Release Fund here at HBC for those in financial need.
- Go through [The Prayer Course](#) (8 weeks) with discussions online together from April 29th
- What'sApp to stay in touch throughout day, prayer requests, normal daily funny stuff to feel more connected to what's going on daily in
- Community Story time for kids on Zoom or Group Facetime

OUTward Focus to help reach out, connect & include others in meaningful ways

- Letter to your neighbours - post on FaceBook group, hand out door-to-door and pray for each household in your neighbourhood
- Pray regularly for your people of peace Invite People of Peace into any "IN" activities that are not overly "spiritual" or too "insider" for them to understand or enjoy
- Story time for neighborhood kids (or your MC kids) online together
- Keep ears open to financial needs in neighborhood, local businesses. Spend money at any business still open, say thank you and maybe tip really well!
- Throw online birthday parties... check Facebook for upcoming birthdays in your neighborhood... have a cupcake and candles, sing "Happy Birthday" etc.

Sample Letter to Neighbors

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Community Support/Being Good Neighbours

Hi

Pipers Court and Corovid-19 (Corona Virus)

We are aware that we are in a very unsettling season as a country and some of us are having to self-isolate, fearful or some may feel they need to stay home more. As the UK faces the impact of Corona virus what could our response be? Could we who live in this courtyard of Pipers Court provide some support for each other?

So as residents of Pipers Court we suggest setting up a WhatsApp or text messaging group which could mean shopping, collecting medicine, keep an eye out for each other and providing a listening ear.

If you would like to be part of this group, then please contact on Andy on 07710219281

Best Wishes

Andy + Sue

Andy and Sue x