

Returning to Church What Does the Congregation Think?



**Fletch Talks with
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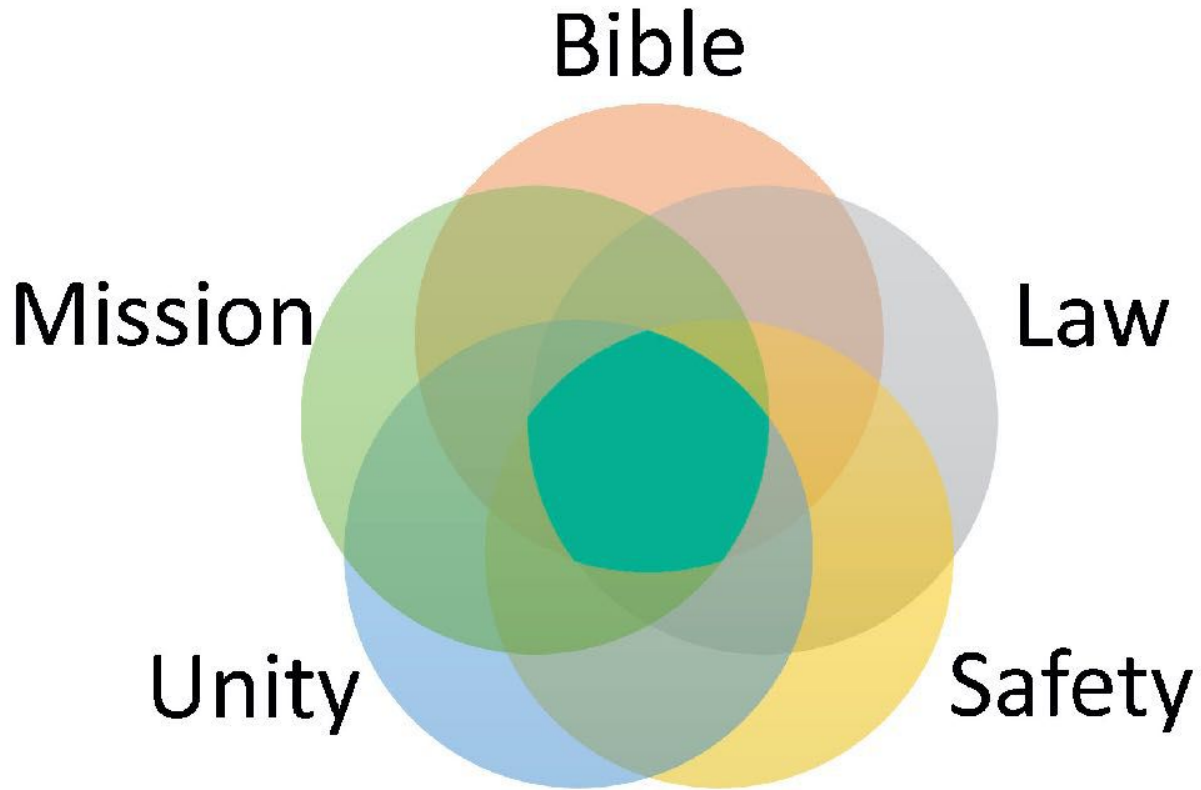
Executive Pastor



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH 

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Expanding the Business Skills + Pastoral Heart
+ gloo

2020
June 2



As local governments begin to lift bans against churches meeting, which of the following best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church?

1 of 14 questions



If local guidelines require all church attendees to wear a protective face mask, how would you feel about attending?

3 of 14 questions



Would you be willing to attend a worship service at a different time than you typically attend to allow people to spread out more?

5 of 14 questions

85%

Yes

307 responses

4%

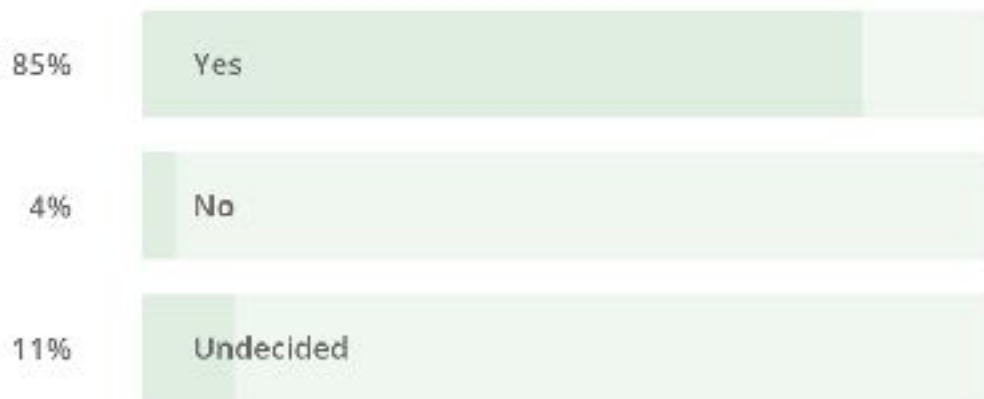
No

15 responses

11%

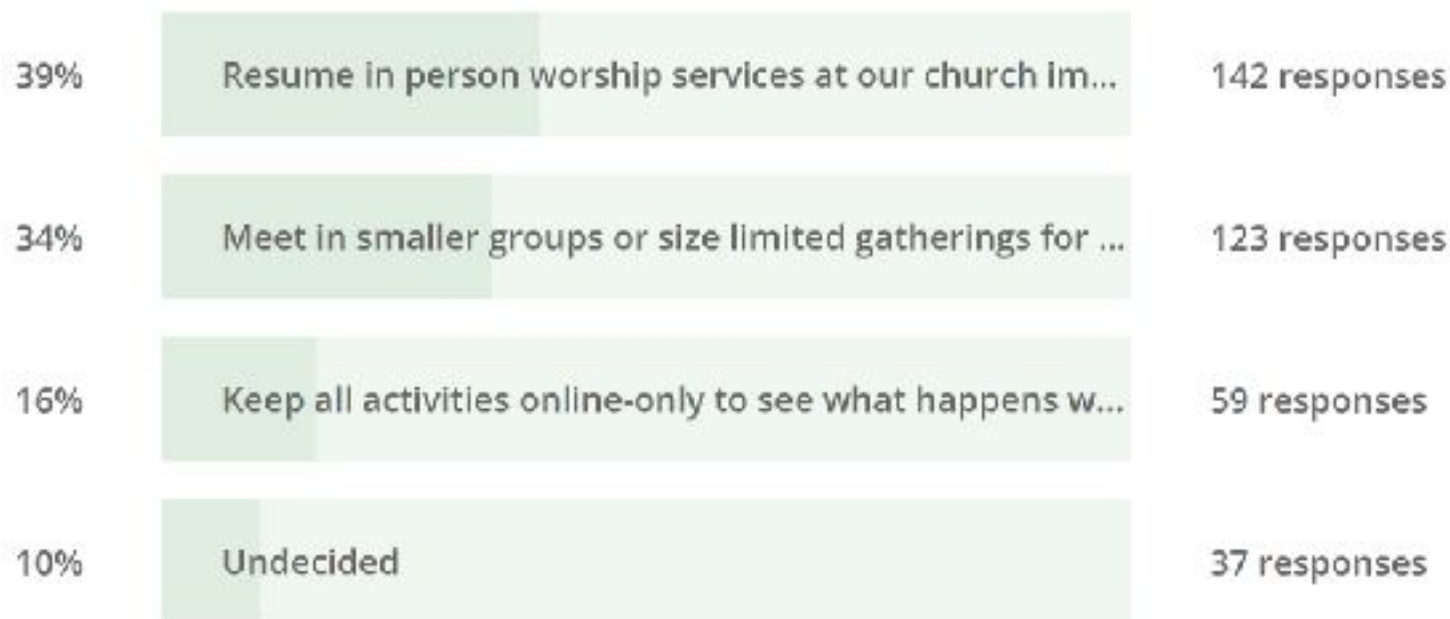
Undecided

39 responses



As soon as we receive clearance for public gatherings from our local officials, which of the following would you prefer for our church?

8 of 14 questions



Village Together

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

STEP 1: Village at Home Online Services (Watch parties encouraged at home.)

Buildings Reopen with social distancing. Small Groups continue on RingCentral.

June 14: All-Campus Outdoor Evening Service at SG.

June 21: Father's Day Tailgate Party at Each Campus (Hot Dogs, Root Beer, Give-aways)

STEP 2: Evening Services at Each Campus

With masks and social distancing. No childcare.

STEP 3: Sunday Morning Services at Each Campus*

With masks and social distancing. No childcare.

STEP 4: Church Fully Reopens*

*Subject to change.



PRIOR TO ENTERING

By coming to Village Bible Church today, you are confirming that your answer is **NO** to all of these questions:



Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?



Do you currently have a temperature above 100°, cough, or shortness of breath?



Within the last 72 hours, have you had a temperature above 100° degrees?



Has anyone living in your home tested positive for COVID-19 or displayed possible symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?



Does anyone living in your home have a temperature above 100° degrees, cough, or shortness of breath?



Have you been in close contact (within 6 feet for a prolonged period) of someone who has either exhibited symptoms (temperature, cough, shortness of breath) or disclosed that they may have COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you should not enter.

Additionally, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Please follow the advice of your healthcare provider.

www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2020/may/letter-to-governor-pritzker-churches-open-closed.html

An appeal from IL pastors and denominational leaders
for a meeting with Governor Pritzker, IDPH officials,
and a representative group of Christian leaders.
Replies to illinoischurches@gmail.com

May 27, 2020

Dear Governor Pritzker,

On behalf of clergy and religious congregations across the State of Illinois, we the undersigned wish to express **our deep gratitude for your thoughtful and energetic leadership** during the crisis in which our State is currently immersed. The need for your strong leadership is unusually apparent to us, as our congregations have been greatly impacted by this crisis. Some of us have been personally present at the burial of victims of the novel coronavirus and all of us minister daily to vast numbers of people affected by the social and economic dislocations of this era.

Because we are at the helm of churches that shape the opinions and behaviors of hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans, **we are very eager to be an asset to you and the health of our State** in this significant time. We feel this acutely now in light of the rising unrest increasingly surfacing among our constituencies. We want to work with you to counter this so that our communities do not become further conflicted and law enforcement is not required to deal with circumstances harmful to everyone.

The growing resistance we are meeting emerges from a sense that the concerns of religious communities are not being taken into account with the seriousness with which the state is approaching other segments of the society. As pastors, we can

Bible

Levitical Social Distancing Laws

infections, leprosy, discharge

Jeremiah 29:7

seek the welfare of the city

Acts 4:18-20

There is a time when we forgo the laws of man

Roman 13

Respect for authority

Hebrews 10:25

don't forsake assembling

1 Corinthians 8-9

weaker conscience

Ephesians 6:12

our enemy is not each other

1 Peter 2:13-14

Gov't is God's instrument

Titus 3:1

Be submissive and obedient to authority

Law

Checks & balances

Right & responsibility to civilly question authority.

Existing cases trying to define legality.
(we're supportive)

5/11 Kentucky restraining order on the governor's order; same pursuit in IL

Protest – yes, but be careful who you are associating with.

Great concern of unrest.

Safety

This is a health risk.
Some in our body are at high risk.

Unity

We speak from diverse values and experiences.

Our identity transcends political parties.

We don't want inadvertently exclude.

Let's keep our love for one another first.

John 17 – Jesus prayer for us.

Col 3:1-4 Our identity is with Christ!

We have people who have
loved ones during this.

(yesterday & today)

Mission

Only 12% of Americans say the measures where they live go too far. About twice as many people, 26%, believe the limits don't go far enough. The majority of Americans — 61% — feel the steps taken by government officials to prevent infections of COVID-19 in their area are about right.

Evangelism matters.

Our neighbor matters.

Our standing in the community matters.

5/11 - 70% of Americans want more social distancing

Romans 12:18 – live peaceably with all. Serve the community with kindness.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 First response = pray for our leaders, not protest them.

1 Tim 3: We should be thought well of by outsiders

Be Careful Not to Slander

- Online debates – be careful you can hardly open Facebook without seeing a Christian has posted claims they cannot possibly know to be true... Because the sole grounds for conspiracy theories is unreliable hearsay, they do not meet the standard for knowledge. They are therefore not in possession of the truth, and thus guilty of slander.
- In an age of social media, that lacks the functional information-spreading restraints of past eras, let us be all the more slow to post (“slow to speak” — [James 1:19](#)) analysis, speculation, and commentary on information about another person or group, even if it has become public in our slander-saturated culture, that might eventually prove slanderous. All the serious biblical warnings about slander still apply, which should make us all, especially those of us with “platforms,” tremble. (Jon Bloom)

Chris Nelson **Director of** **Business Development**



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Returning to Church Check-in





Personal Growth Platform

insights for you to know the people in your church and community better, help them flourish, and make strategic ministry decisions with confidence.



Know your people. Know your community.

Foster deeper relationships with insights into the strengths and needs of the people you serve.



Personalize your approach. Provide value.

Match your people to relevant content, messages, and next steps to keep them engaged and returning for more.



Measure what works. Track real outcomes.

View your successes and impact across indicators for personal and organizational wellness.

About Gloop



4. In the next week, what will work look like for your staff?

Our staff will go to the church or office as usual

We're adapting our work space to practice social distancing and other protective measures

We will be working remotely for the foreseeable future

Staff are making their own work-from-home choices

5. What's primarily happening with small groups or Bible studies?

They continue to meet in person as usual

NEW QUESTIONS EACH WEEK

Weekly Pastor Poll

For Churches

Assessments are always designed to provide results & guidance for churches, pastors, and ministries. Learn more about the available tools and how to use your church software.



Our Latest Check-In: Church Leaders
Survey



Returning to Church Check-In
Survey

Run



Returning to Church Check-In

Survey

To

12/20/2020

74 members

Average duration

Score

100%

Churches are using the Returning to Church Check-In to better understand the sentiments of church congregants and leaders regarding the possibility of reopening in regular or virtual church services. Some have also taken the survey, offering to explore procedures and agreements to return to church in some. The survey also includes specific questions on current faith, wellness, relationships, finances, and health.

Why don't I have any?

How do I manage my items list?



Add Your Own Questions

If you would like to add a few of your own questions to the end of the assessment, you can. This is a helpful way to get additional information from your audience while you are already holding an assessment.

Add Question



Returning to Church Check-In

Activity Overview

How people are engaging with this assessment.



As local governments begin to lift bans against churches meeting, which of the following best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church?

1 of 10 questions

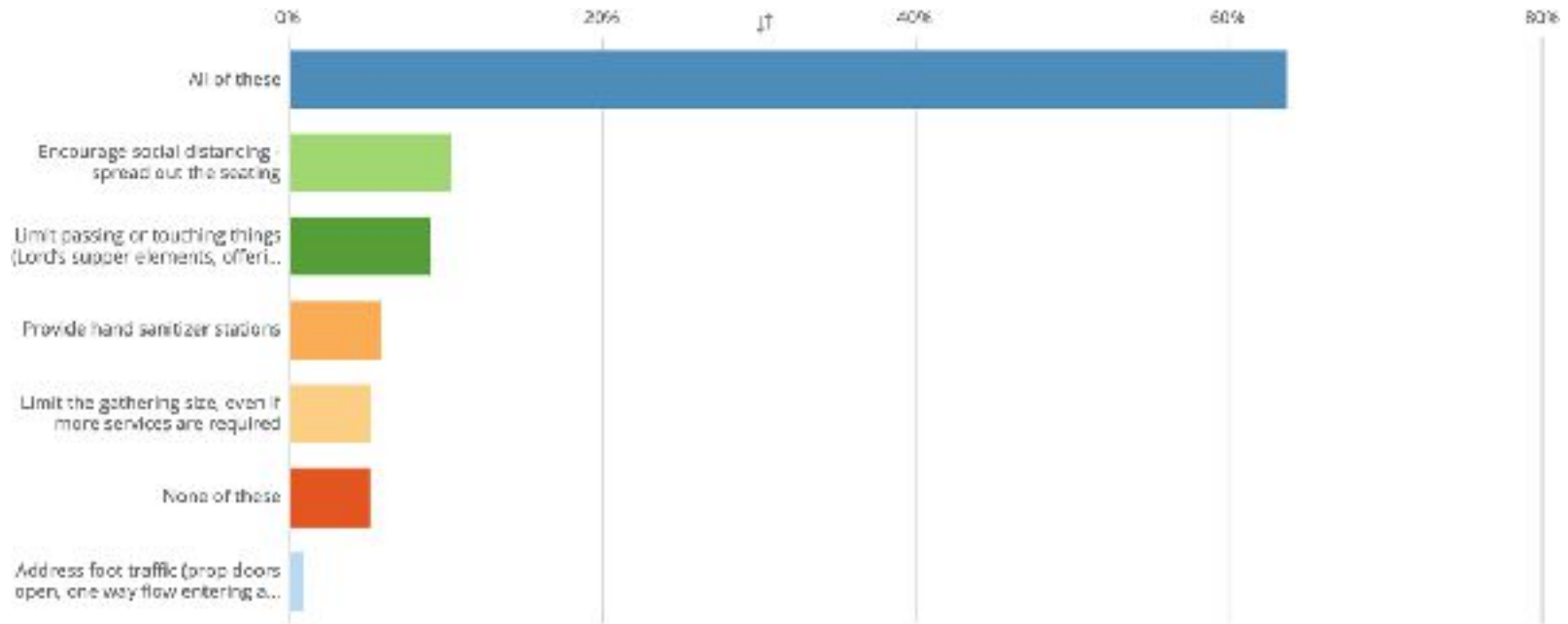
100% Will return the first opportunity we have 1 response

View other questions will show up here once you edit some.

Return to Church

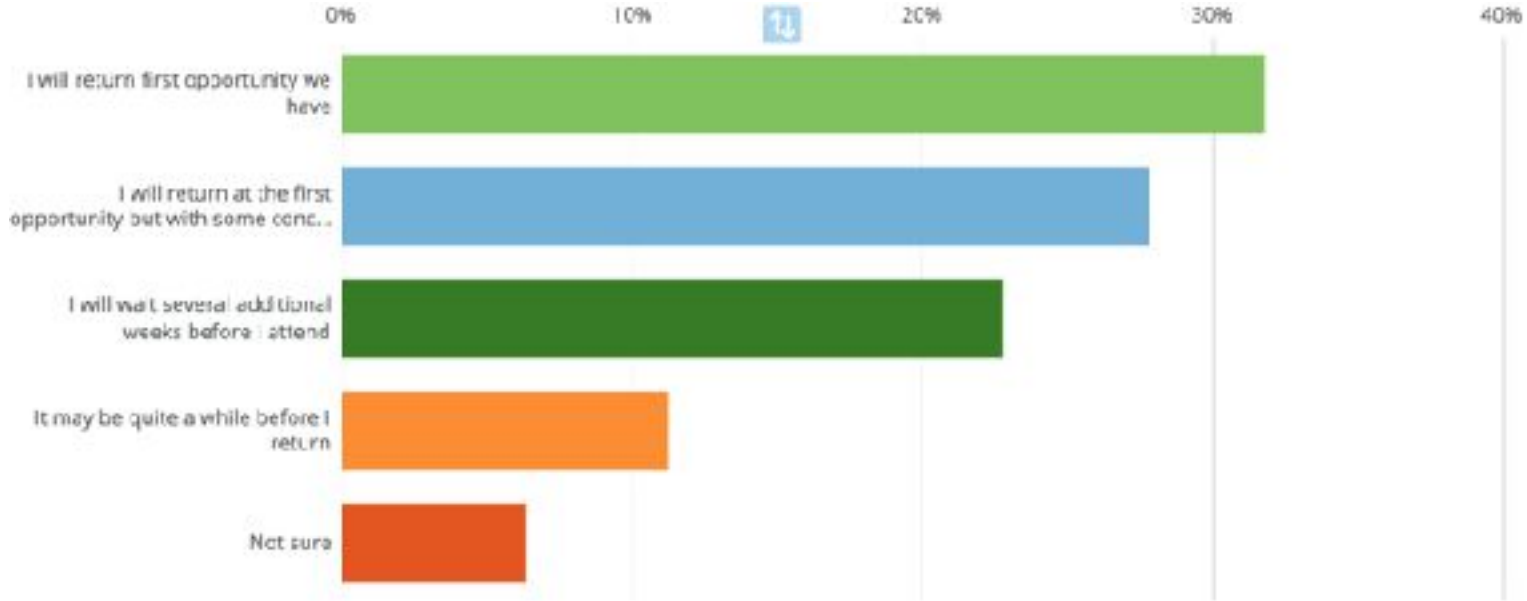
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What type of precaution should be our top priority for worship gatherings?



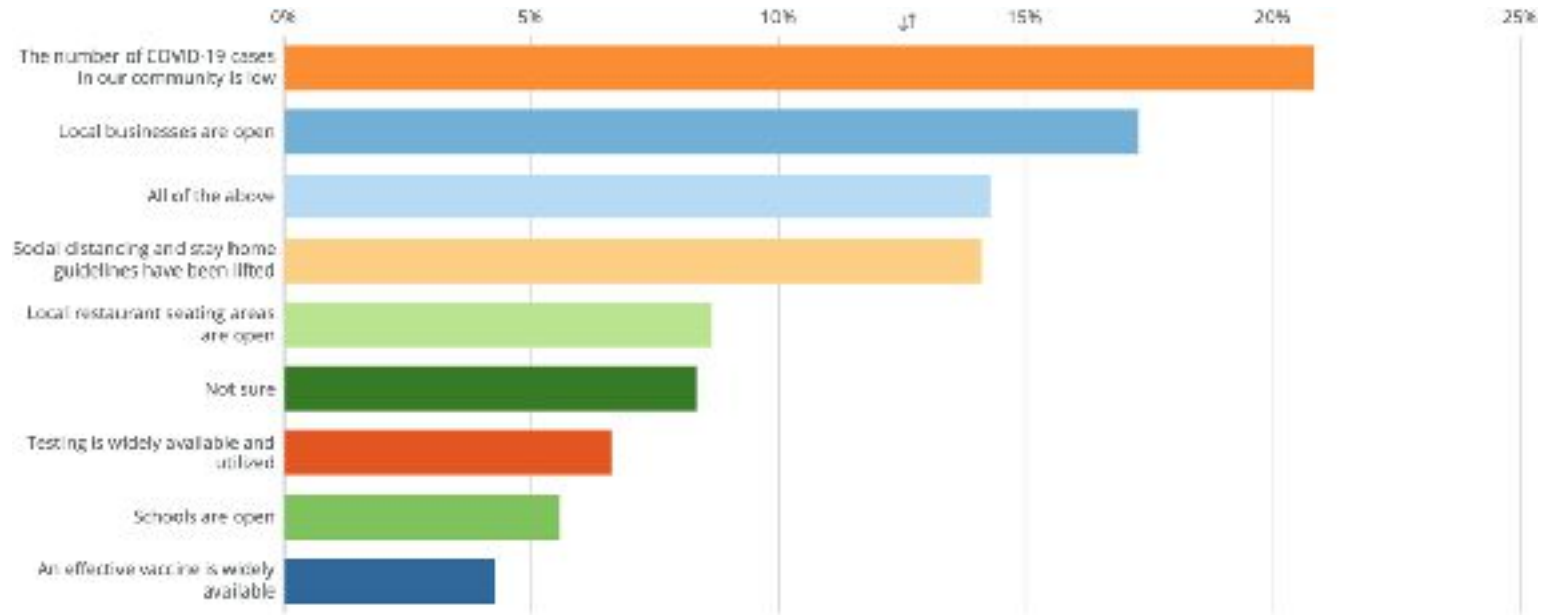
XPastor Results

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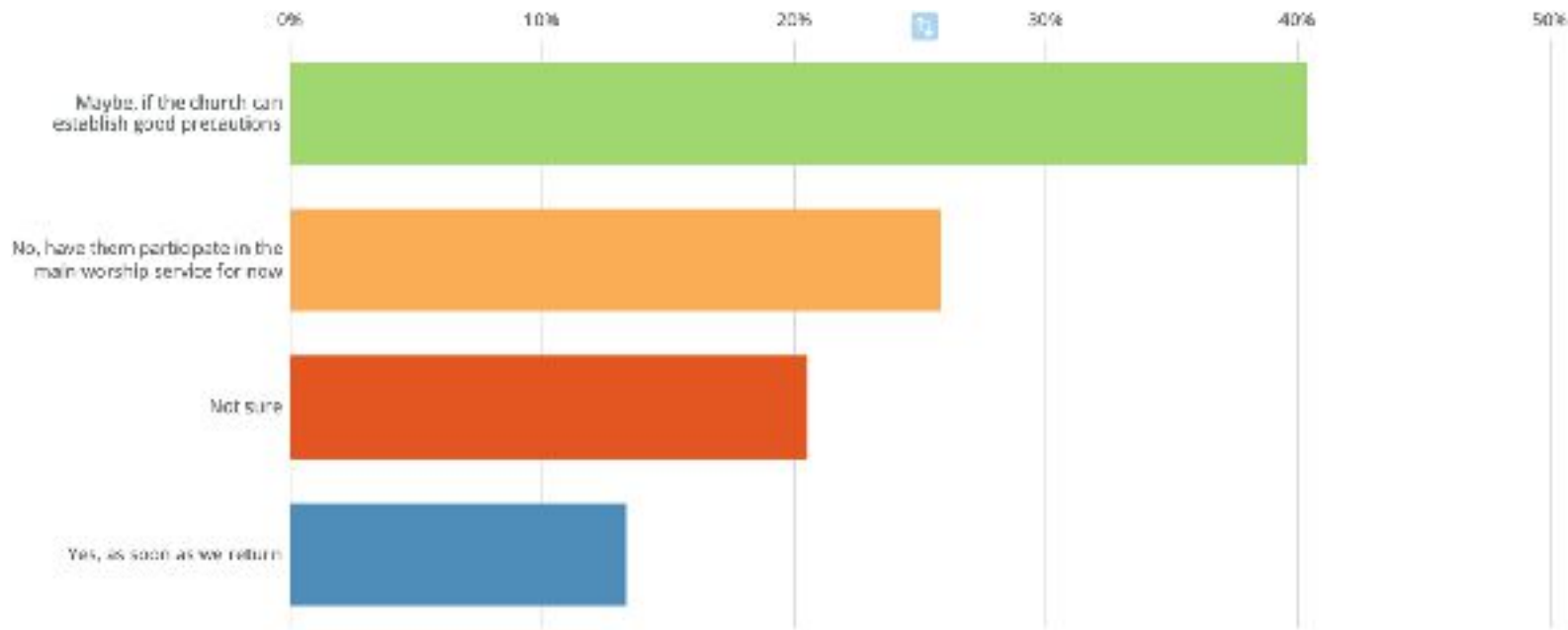
XPastor Results

Which other type of activity BEST signals to you that it is time to open in-person worship at the church?



XPastor Results

Do you expect the church to offer children's and student ministries as we resume?



XPastor Results

Take Action



Weekly Pastor Pall

Take the weekly pastor pall and keep the table of prayer up to date. It is a good idea to have a prayer list for each week, so that you can keep track of your needs and priorities.

Take the Pastor Pall



Weekly Check-ins

Check in weekly to get a status report on your people and your ministry. Use a simple checklist to track your progress, goals, and needs. See the video on the right for more.

Explore Check-ins



Community Services Directory

Search for community services and organizations in your area. The directory includes information on a wide range of services, including food banks, job training, and more.

Search the Map



Barista Access

Barista Access is a free online resource for job seekers. It provides a wide range of job opportunities and resources to help you find the right job for you.

Visit Barista Access



Know Your Community Report

Understand the needs of your family, church, and community. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the community's needs and resources.

View the Report

About Gloo

A cutting-edge platform for serving people and growing your ministry. It's a powerful tool that helps you manage your ministry more effectively. It's a powerful tool that helps you manage your ministry more effectively.

Gloo Administration

Manage your people, ministry, your resources, and more with the new Gloo Administration tool.

Gloo Support

Learn more about Gloo and get the support you need. Contact our support team at support@glooplatform.com.

Gloo Platform



Register Your Church



Give return to church check-in



Serve with Data

People Want to Get Back in the Building. Are They Ready?

Get a snapshot of how your congregation feels about returning to church services.

It was a 1952 survey on "Should and How to Reorganize Church Check-in to your people."

[Learn more](#) <<

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1. As local governments begin to lift bans against churches meeting, which of the following service at church?

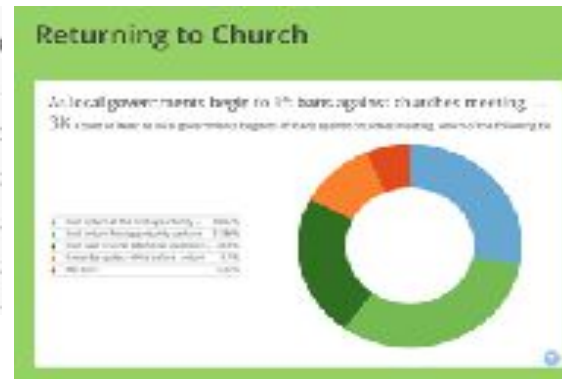
I will return the first opportunity we have

I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions

I will wait several additional weeks before I attend

It maybe quite a while before I return

Not sure



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Q & A

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