

Helpful Ideas from All Those “Leading in a Crisis” Emails We Are Receiving
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1. **“I started thinking about one of my favorite details about the Easter story. Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb, expecting to care for Jesus’ rotting body, only to see that he was gone. He was alive. But when she went looking, the text says “it was still dark.” WELL THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT. We go looking for hope even when it’s dark out. That’s what Easter people do.”** – Kate Bowler, author of *Everything Happens for a Reason and other Lies I Used to Love* has put together a seven week course to God’s people search for hope in the midst of despair. You can access her course at: <https://lifetogetherapart.katebowler.com/>
2. **“Every generation has their defining moment. . . . For Generation Z, it will be the pandemic of COVID-19 and all it will leave in its wake—from lost jobs to lost lives to lost dreams.”** James Emery White, author of the book, *Meet Generation Z*, offers reflections on what COVID-19 will mean for the generation currently in college and high school. - <https://www.churchandculture.org/blog/2020/4/13/covid-19-and-generation-z>
3. As we settle into digital worship for the foreseeable future, **Brady Shearer discusses whether church, especially small churches, should try to recreate what previously happened in their sanctuary or try something new.** You can watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8fw_zWd4ko
4. **“Quick shifts [in church practices] don’t always persist. When face to face gatherings prevail once again, will your people still see the need to keep an online presence alive? Will they invest in the tech to upgrade their online presence? You can’t know for sure now.”** – Rebekah Simon-Peter describes three ways to turn the current quick shifts into cultural shifts. - <https://rebekahsimonpeter.com/quick-shifts-and-unexpected-gifts-from-covid-19>
5. **Steve Fogg offers 8 simple tips to help engage people during a Facebook Live worship experience.** - <https://www.stevefogg.com/2020/04/16/8-tips-reach-people-facebook-live-church-service-covid19/>
6. **“There is a lot of anxiety regarding financial security when we are no longer able to pass the plate down the rows, but must instead meet online to worship. Here are some tips to help you maintain or even grow your church’s generosity.”** Pastor Maria Rotman offers five tips for developing generosity during COVID-19. - <https://waytolead.org/developing-generosity-in-a-time/>