

Now Word Covenant Church

Leadership Conference 2023



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WELCOME!
PK be thinking!



2023 Theme

Unity...Maturity...Charity

We're building up the Body of Christ, until we come into **unity** and **maturity**.

The whole body fitted together perfectly, each member doing their share to help the other members grow, so the whole body is healthy, and growing, full of **charity**.

Ephesians 4:11-16

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DEVOTION TO GOD

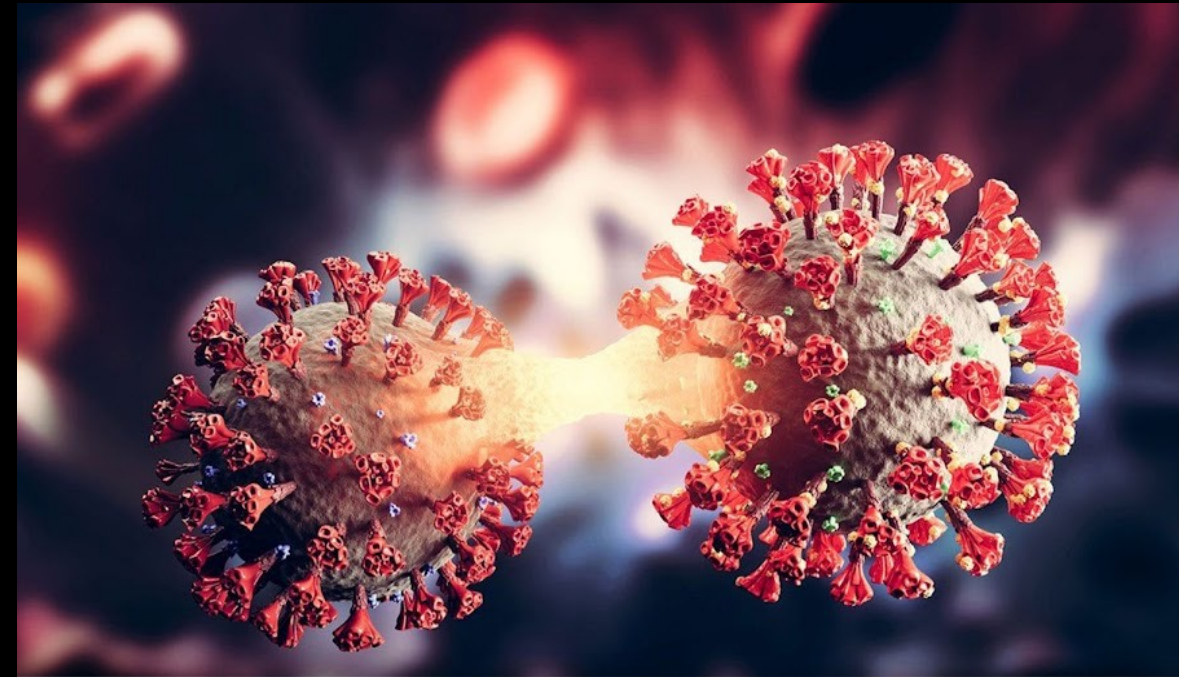
A church is strong as its **devotion** to God. How strong is NWCC to God? Here is the threefold attribute of devotion to God:

1. **Fear** God – reverence and respect the awe of God's attributes, His authority and discipline.
2. **Love** of God – comprehensive knowledge of God's deep love for you, which causes you to live for him instead of yourself.
3. **Desire** for God – you seek Him and desire to know Him more to please Him more.



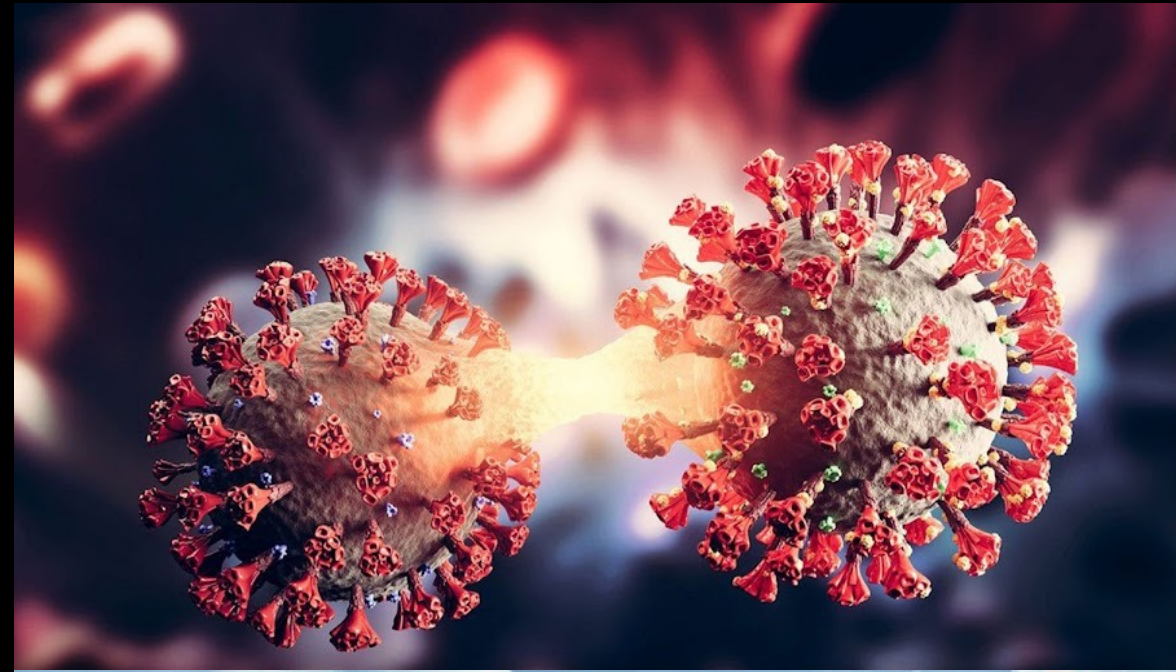
AFTER COVID - 2020-2022

1. What did we learn about **NWCC** and the **American** brand of church?
2. Is the **virtual** church going to eventually replace the **in-person** church?
3. Was the churches orthodoxy, orthopraxy and orthopathy **exposed** after the pandemic?
4. Is the church more **influenced** by the **culture** or the culture more **influenced** by the **church**?



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5. Does the church after COVID have to look at its orthodoxy, orthopraxy, and orthopathy concerning a **Christ follower** and **membership** with the church?
6. Has the church become an organization and Jesus is the brand that we must repackage yearly to sell to the culture?
7. Can the church be led into devotion without gimmicks and trendiness of the culture?



WHAT TIME IS IT?

I Chronicles 12:32. From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men **understood the signs of the times** and **knew the best course** for Israel to take. (NLT)

- America has abandoned God.
- God has abandoned America.
- Judgment of sin will come more quickly
- Culture will collapse and rebuild worse
- Church will split among Heresy and Elect
- Elect church will be persecuted



COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Crowd and Commitment

Luke 14:25. A **large crowd** was following Jesus (Mega Church).

He turned around and said to them. 26. “If you want to be **my disciple** (invitation), you **must hate** everyone else by comparison-your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters-yes even your **own life**. Otherwise, you cannot be **my disciple** (separation). 27. And if you do not carry your **own cross** and **follow me**, you **cannot** be **my disciple** (qualification).



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1. Orthodoxy: A commitment of your life must be made to follow Christ
2. Orthopraxy: Separate yourself as Christ is the priority
3. Orthopathy: Desire to be with Him is your motive



LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE

Leaders **G.I.V.E.** to advance the mission

- Growth – your **consistent** about being **consistent** until you get desired results
- Influence – your **actions** line up with your **words**, which inspires others to follow
- Value – you do what is **best** for the people at your **expense**
- Empower – you **mentor** to allow others to **excel**

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