Time Capsule Video Guides - For Conversation and Deepening

Video 1. Innovations In Worship  
-approximately 16 minutes

Video 2. Fellowship and Outreach  
-approximately 13 minutes

Video 3. Addressing Racial Injustice  
-approximately 18 minutes

Video 4. The Future of the Church  
-approximately 13 minutes

Suggestions for Creating a Video Watch Party:

When creating a video watch party, be sure that the space is conducive to a good experience. Set up needs to facilitate sight lines for viewing and be configured for good conversation. Be sure the audio/video tools you use will ensure, to the best of your ability to do so, a clear view with an appropriate picture size for the space. Be certain to use sound technology that provides for clear transmission of sound with the ability to broadcast the sound at appropriate audio levels for an audience of mixed hearing capacities in consideration of the acoustics in the space.

Consider and provide comfortable seating in a space where the ambient and general lighting can be adjusted to offer the group the best possible video experience. You’ll want to consider if you’ll invite participants to take notes or to simply respond extemporaneously to the questions we’ve suggested or to your own questions/inquiries.

If you’re providing snacks, be sure that folks can enjoy and manage comfortably in low lighting. If you want to draw a good audience, publicize early and often. You might even
consider offering an incentive to participation if this work will be part of a larger initiative or conversation taking place in your congregation. Most of all, have fun!!

Video 1. Innovations for Worship

This segment will focus on the movement in congregations to make faithful and adaptive accommodations for worship during a time of imposed physical distancing. Some accommodations were technical fixes, some accommodations were adaptive changes. Every accommodation was a faithful experiment in reaching our church members in an unprecedented time. Listen carefully for the ways in which leaders engaged creatively and thoughtfully to serve the needs of those they are called to care for.

1. Which faithful accommodations captured your imagination?

2. What stories most resonated with or echo your own experiences?

3. Which stories of adaptation highlighted a challenge or challenges like your own?

4. Within the stories, can you identify which accommodations were adaptive change and which were technical fixes?
5. Were there ideas or accommodations implemented that you think might be interesting to incorporate into your own congregation’s practices of worship?

6. What changes did your congregation make that you will carry into the future?

7. What changes have you already abandoned or left behind?

**Video 2. Fellowship and Outreach**

1. What ideas or ways of caring and connection during Covid 19 were inspiring to you?

2. What are the essential elements of deep, rich, online relationships?

3. What drive-by or drive-through opportunities were remarkable to you? What opportunities such as these did your church offer?

4. What did you do to create connection in your church or community that had deeper or wider impact than anticipated?

5. What reminders that “the church is not the building” did your leadership experience?

**Video 3. Addressing Racial Justice**

1. What did you hear in these testimonies of action and response that moved you?

2. What stories resonate with your work in racial justice? With your aspirations?

3. What ideas for partnership, accompaniment, or coming alongside community partners and organizations for doing the work of racial justice stood out to you?

4. How would you respond to the quote or comment, “If you’re not upsetting someone, you’re not doing ministry”?
5. Were there resources or tools that folks mentioned you’d like to know more about?

**Video 4. The Future of the Church**

1. The idea of a building and a single hour don’t fit the new paradigm of model of faith community for many- what adaptations have you or will you make to create a new future for your church?

2. One pastor spoke of the identity of a small church in a larger, affluent community of many churches, being focused on a hyperlocal and befriending ministry and mission as the key to their unique identity. Does this insight hold a key to your church’s future?

3. What does “waking up” and engaging people and planet call us to do?

4. If relevance and impactful discipleship lies outside the walls, how will your church join God in the community in the future?

5. How will your church demonstrate a new or deeper understanding of our connectivity?

6. What one question do you have about the future of your church?