Hello Grace Family,

I hope you are doing well. I have three things I’d like to share.

First, the elder’s meet this week and discussed possibilities for how to move forward. One of the things we talked about is how we’d like to hear from you. We have created a 5-question confidential survey. The link to the survey is included above. I will also be sending out and email of this same content which will have the link to the survey. It would really help us in determining how to move forward, if you’d take the time to complete this short survey. Thank you in advance for giving us your feedback.

GCF Congregation Survey-- [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJ7YWQD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJ7YWQD)

Second, John Piper has written a short book (144 pages total) called Coronavirus and Christ. *In Coronavirus and Christ, John Piper invites readers around the world to stand on the solid Rock, who is Jesus Christ, in whom our souls can be sustained by the sovereign God who ordains, governs, and reigns over all things to accomplish his wise and good purposes for those who trust in him. What is God doing through the coronavirus? Piper offers six biblical answers to that question, showing us that God is at work in this moment in history.* You can download it free as a ebook (PDF, MOBI or EPUB) or an MP3 audio version of the book. You can also purchase a hard copy if you so desire. It’s all explained in this link:

[www.crossway.org/articles/coronavirus-and-christ-by-john-piper/?utm\_source=Crossway+Marketing&utm\_campaign=02dbdbfb66-20200408+-+General+-+Free+Book+COVID-19+John+Piper&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_0275bcaa4b-02dbdbfb66-303103889](http://www.crossway.org/articles/coronavirus-and-christ-by-john-piper/?utm_source=Crossway+Marketing&utm_campaign=02dbdbfb66-20200408+-+General+-+Free+Book+COVID-19+John+Piper&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0275bcaa4b-02dbdbfb66-303103889)

Finally, how awesome is it how our readings today connect with the National Day of Prayer. How do we approach God in prayer? What should our attitude be in prayer? What’s our end desire in prayer? Psalm 51!

1. Repentance: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

God is the one who establishes the rules. Therefore, when we break those rules, it is God who we have wronged—it is against Him only that we have sinned.

2. Right attitude/Right relationship with God: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Our desire should be to be in right relationship with God, to be with God, in the presence of God. And it starts with a humble spirit that is broken over sin and the consequences of sin.

3. The theme of the National Day of Prayer: For us to declare God’s glory, for people to turn to worship of God. As David puts it: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

As we spend time in prayer today? As we think about our desire in praying? As we think about how we live our lives: Is our desire, through whatever means necessary, for people to turn to God? For people to worship God? Is the desire of our prayer that God be glorified? In how we live our life—our actions, our words, our priorities, our attitude towards situations—is our overwhelming goal that my life praise God, that my life point people to God, that I declare God’s glory in all that I say and do!

**Habakkuk 2:14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

May this be our desire in our prayers and in how we live our lives!

Thank you again for taking time to share your thoughts with us by taking the survey. We look forward to the day we can gather again face to face.