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A statement from the elders regarding the latest Covid purple status:

We worship and trust the King of kings and Lord of lords. We want to live wisely in this world. We want to do all we can as a church to shepherd the flock and obey God by obeying governing authorities while minimizing hindrances to worship, fellowship, and outreach. As your elders, we continue to prayerfully and thoughtfully adjust and fine-tune, being resolute in our goal to shepherd the flock effectively and honor God as we do so.

At this time, with the latest shift back to purple status, on-campus gatherings and groups will meet outside. We will continue to meet in the tent outdoors for worship and we will be adding additional covered outdoor meeting areas and venues as necessary. As much as reasonably possible, we will not be having gatherings indoors. For off-campus meetings, such as home groups, we continue to trust leaders to make wise decisions as they lead their groups.

We are asking people at Grace events to please consider social distancing guidelines and others around you and be extra conscious to use wisdom and judgment to best navigate these considerations when at church. Many of our ministries already meet outdoors which gives us greater flexibility. We realize there are nuances and desire to be balanced, reasonable, and exercise wisdom as we apply the guidelines.