



The New Reality of the Church

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TAKE-AWAYS FROM PREVIOUS FIRESIDE CHATS

What has changed?

- Communication methods with church members changed.
- The Church's meeting place changed from in-person to virtual gatherings.
- Life (in-person community) was interrupted and the emotional health of church members is affected.
- The Church economy was deeply impacted.

What have we learned?

- The importance of adaptability and humility.
- The Church is not the building.
- The importance/significance of the leadership role of the Church in times like this.

How do we lead effectively through change to keep ministry relevant?

- It is necessary to leverage digital resources (according to Barna, 63% think so).
- Be more intentional in implementing a ministry plan that is flexible, adaptable, and invests in people.
- Promote a shared leadership (ministry team) model to maximize the mission impact.

TODAY'S *discussion*

What have Christians learned now that we are engaging online?

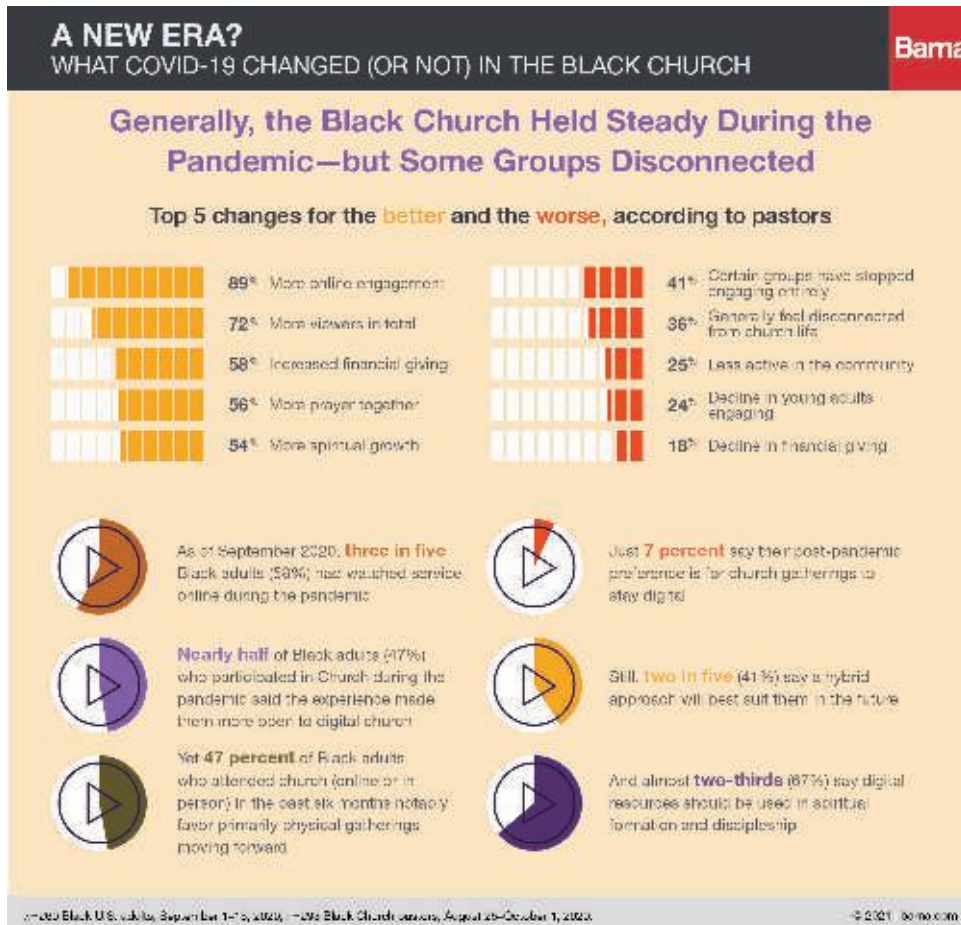
Virtual Church and Digital Discipleship - DTS

How are churches engaging with people online? How are we discipling people?

https://youtu.be/6lDeXqkAU_A and <https://youtu.be/TDPaaHXi7LM>



Suggested Research & Resources



New Study Examines How COVID Has Changed Churches

The Christian Century

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/news/new-study-examines-how-covid-has-changed-churches>

5 Insights About the Post-COVID Church

Outreach Magazine

<https://outreachmagazine.com/features/leadership/64670-5-insights-about-the-post-covid-church.html>

How the Pandemic Has Changed the Church

Outreach Magazine

<https://outreachmagazine.com/features/leadership/68023-how-the-pandemic-has-changed-the-church.html>

41% of Black Church Churchgoers Favor a Hybrid Church Future

Barna
<https://www.barna.com/research/tbc-hybrid-future/>

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