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## No, The New CDC Guidelines Are Not A "Win" For Small Churches

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We should all look forward to the day when churches of all sizes are able to gather again. As of today, the CDC has recommended that all gatherings of 50 or more people should be canceled for the next 8 weeks. Small church win, right? Wrong. No one wins in this. No "I told you so's "As a long-time proponent of the value of small churches, you might think I'm tempted to issue an "I told you so" about small churches being better than big churches. I'm not going to do that. Because it's not true. We Need Churches Of Every SizeI've never told anyone that small churches are better than big churches. I've never even hinted at it. In fact I've repeatedly stated that small churches are not better than big churches are not better than small churches. As I've always said, the body of Christ needs churches of every size. That is especially true now. We need the resources of big churches and the relational pastoral voice of small churches. One ChurchIt's a difficult time for everyone. That is why, now more than ever, we must show the world a united front. Even while we can't gather together for church, we must band together as the church. Big churches, small churches and the people we all serve. Loving Our NeighborsThe CDC is giving us wise counsel in these recommendations about group size. Even if you're able-bodied and unlikely to be in danger, following these rules is the best way to minimize the likelihood of passing this illness to those who are more vulnerable than you. It's simply "love your neighbor" in a different form than we're used to seeing it. Be The ChurchI look forward to the day when large churches are able to gather again. I will celebrate that with them. Until then, I will pray that my fellow ... Continue reading...

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