

## **Redeemer Student Ministry Regathering Vision & FAQ:**

We are excited to regather with our Junior High and High School students. This season has been difficult for your students, knowing that so much of their formation as people at this age is incredibly social and contextual to their surroundings. We also know that this is the most formative period for their faith, so we are grateful to have the opportunity to come back together to connect, grow and deepen our walks with Jesus.

The student ministry has been prayerfully considering how the in person gathering should go and what experience we want to create for your students. Our hearts have resonated with the ideas of: (1) **Encouragement**, knowing this has been a discouraging season, (2) **Engagement**, knowing that participation and ownership is key to student's spiritual growth, (3) **Community**, knowing that social interaction is key to spiritual formation, and (4) **Spiritual Growth**, knowing that spiritual growth does not happen outside of the context of community. All of our planning and programming has been guided by these ideas.

We know there is a spectrum of comfortability when it comes to gathering in person, so what follows is an FAQ to help address some of the questions you may have. In general, as Redeemer has said throughout the pandemic, we are following in step with a lot of school districts around San Diego County which are reopening as well! You can read Redeemer's plan for reopening by [clicking here](#) (this will give a lot of context to what follows).

### **Will this be a combined service?**

Yes. The Junior High and High School students will be worshiping together at the 11:15 service. Both the Junior High and High School Staff teams and volunteers will be facilitating this combined service.

### **Will you be worshipping indoors?**

Yes, we will host our worship service indoors. With social distancing we can seat 35 students in the Dome. We will also have an outdoor seating area, behind the dome that can host 25 students. These students will be participating in the same service which will be on a live direct feed from what is going on in the Dome.

### **How will you handle seating?**

Indoor and outdoor seating options are designated on the RSVP form, so you may choose where you would like your student to sit for our in-person gatherings. At check-in (see below), students will be directed to their respective seating arrangement. We will have clean chairs preset up by our staff based off of RSVPs.

### **What guidelines will you be following?**

Our guidelines will follow closely in step with Redeemer's indoor guidelines which follow all the main CDC suggestions, masks on at all times, socially distanced, etc.

**Will you be singing during service?**

During the first month of regathering (April) we will NOT be singing indoors. After this first month, we will reassess with our Redeemer Leadership team and update you all with any changes.

**What will the flow of service be since you are not singing?**

Since we will not be singing, this opens us up to many other forms of worship with our students. Our desire for much of our time is to engage their hearts with encouraging content alongside one another. For the last third of the service each week, we will break off into small groups (HS and JH separate) both inside and outside in order to discuss the sermon and engage one another in how the Truth will impact our hearts and lives.

**Will there be an online option?**

Yes. During the month of April we will be adding a ZOOM option for students whose families are not comfortable with in person gathering. Students will be encouraged to stay for the whole service. During the breakout sessions (see above), students will join either Junior High or High School Groups to discuss with those in person. This will not be a long term solution, but will be assessed month to month with Redeemer Leadership.

**Where will my student check in?**

Your student will meet us by the entrance of the Dome (the white igloo shaped building behind the main building). Our staff will check them in, and from there, your student(s) will be directed into the Dome for indoor seating, or guided around back to our outdoor set up.

**Where should I meet my student for check out?**

Because we will not have an official check out policy, students will be released and asked to meet you as parents on the way toward the parking lot at the entrance gate of the main patio. Student service will mimic the timing of the main service, so you should reconnect right after church service.

**How do we sign up?**

You can sign up for the in person service by visiting [Redeemer's website](#). You can sign up for online engagement by [clicking here](#).

**What if I have further questions?**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kyler Wright directly at 405.412.8627 or email him [kyl@redeemersd.org](mailto:kyl@redeemersd.org)