

‘Eternity Is Real’: Popular Pastor Greg Laurie Sees Thousands Come to Christ Amid Coronavirus Chaos

Greg Laurie, pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, California, is seeing “God work” amid the ongoing novel coronavirus crisis, revealing his belief that “people are listening” and finding eternal truth amid the ashes of chaos.

Laurie and his church made headlines last week after President Donald Trump sent a tweet encouraging people to stream Laurie’s Palm Sunday service.

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Harvest typically attracts a vibrant virtual audience of tens of thousands of viewers, but Trump’s tweet drove that pool to a whopping 1.3 million.

The end result: 11,207 people deciding to become Christians.

Listen to Laurie share a powerful message on “The Pure Flix Podcast” (at the 26:00-mark):

“It brought a lot of interesting people,” Laurie said, noting that many made the ultimate decision to become Christians as a result of the tweet. “When I extended the invitation, it was an amazing response.”

Laurie also added his views on why so many people responded – and why there are currently many reports of increased interest in both the Bible and Christianity.

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"People are scared. People are asking the questions that they probably should be asking all the time," he said, noting that eternity and God are themes currently on many Americans' minds. "People are just listening more than they normally listen."

Laurie believes he's "seeing God's work" despite the chaos.

As for Trump, Laurie expressed gratitude for the president's decision to "point people" toward church.

"People should rejoice in that," he said, urging Christians to come together in prayer and to work together to solve the current crisis. "This is not a time for partisan bickering."

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The popular pastor also addressed a question some typically ask amid pain and struggles: Why would a loving God allow this?

"I think of when Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus who had died and we read that he wept," Laurie said, noting that these tears are interesting considering that Christ knew he would heal Lazarus and bring him back. "He wept because death is an aberration. This was never part of God's plan."

Laurie added that there are events that happen in life that are simply inexplicable, but that there are also undeniable certainties.

"I'm not going to trade what I do know for what I don't know," he said. "But here's what I do know: I know God loves us, that God wants to be a part of our life. I know that eternity is real. I know that if we put our faith in Jesus Christ, we can go to heaven."

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