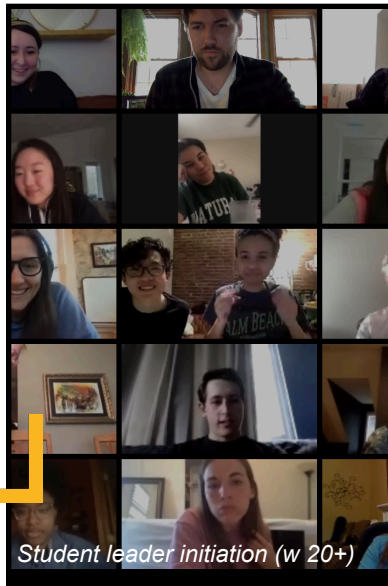
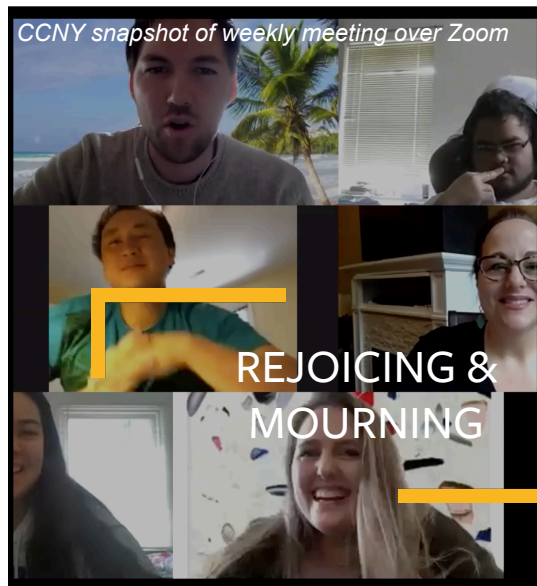


THE NEW YORK MINUTE

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Book

Christ And Coronavirus by John Piper (free download)

Verse

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Prayer

- Baby Abigail is here! She is happy, healthy & beautiful!
- Pray for Ashley's continued recovery, and for re-established Coffey rhythms
- Praise for 20+ students initiated into spiritual leadership even over Zoom!
- Pray for Johnny, Darius and Xena all graduating (CCNY), that the lost would be reached through them
- Physical health/protection of students, church & spiritual NYC fam through pandemic
- God would lead countless to trust in Him in midst of Covid
- David is coaching 15 NYC students through a 10-week online summer theology course. Pray they'd enjoy Him more and connect deeply with each other. Pray also for these connections to encourage students' ministry in the Fall



COVID-19 & NYC

'Manhattan is a ghost town,' church friends shared with us as many were leaving NYC or self-quarantining in their apartments.

On March 12 NYC college classes were officially moved online (incidentally, Zoom is now the most heavily used video app in the country). Professors started hosting virtual classrooms, giving a new meaning to the term homework. On March 26 NYC was declared the epicenter of Covid-19 virus in the US, likely seeded by unknowing European tourists.

There is much to mourn. Several church friends and coworkers came down hard with the virus (thankfully recovering weeks later). March 12 was supposed to be our 1st student-championed CCNY outreach. Weeks of vision-casting and student-leader enthusiasm (and pending evangelistic momentum) were rendered undoable the day

before. Spring Break plans were canceled. Our seniors were scrambling logistically just to graduate (and then only from their bedrooms). And as the semester ripened, our local (CUNY) students reported family members, professors & classmates becoming infected - some dying - from the virus. It is a sobering time, and we have lamented with our students.

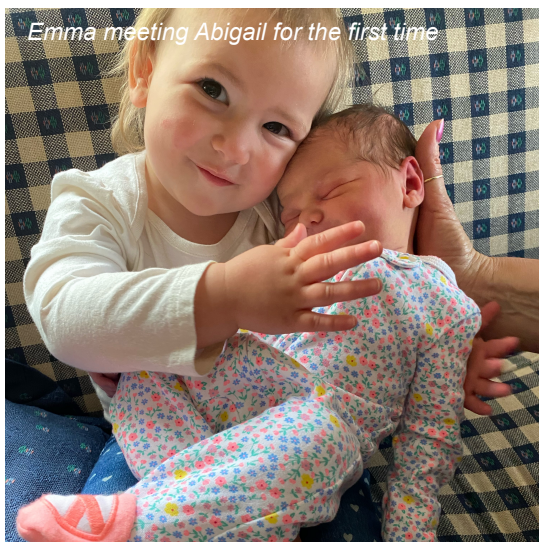
DISPLACED BUT SAFE

We also have wrestled personally. On March 12 Ashley was 8 months pregnant and a Manhattan lockdown was imminent; prompting our departure. We temporarily relocated from our new, nearly-nested apartment, to Ashley's parents in south central PA (still there). It was the right move especially in light of the intensity of the virus's effect on the city. For weeks our heads were spinning trying to catch up with the reality that we were displaced, rhythms mostly upended.. Emma seemed to handle it the best of us.



NEW PLATFORMS

While prevented from meeting students in person, we could still 'meet together' with nearly all our students via digital platforms. Our staff team quickly adapted to ministry in digital space. Zoom became our weekly meeting platform. Youtube became a launching pad for regular weekly content encouraging and connecting students (see David's weekly Praying The Psalms segment: tinyurl.com/yd99a3g4). David continued to disciple his key student leaders, Johnny, Darius and Jamal*, with an additional focus of helping them love, physically serve and spiritually minister to their families in quarantine.



Emma meeting Abigail for the first time



Abigail in the hospital in her first diaper

Abigail - (hebrew) exultation or joy of her father
Sophia - (latin) wisdom

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. - Proverb 9:10

ABIGAIL SOPHIA COFFEY

On April 17 at 12:52am. Ashley had already been in the hospital nearly 10 hours pushing through labor pains. Then, easily the brightest spot of the entire pandemic for us:

Abigail Sophia Coffey was born!

7lb, 12oz | 20.5" long

She is healthy, strong and looks shockingly similar to Emma at every stage. Emma has wrapped her arms around her new baby sister. Ashley's family has been incredibly gracious and supportive. We are praising God for His provision in such an uncertain time.

NYC FAST FACT

76,019 HEALTH CARE WORKERS (MANY RETIRED) VOLUNTEERED SERVICES TO NYC HOSPITALS IN PANDEMIC

