



YOUTH LEADER WORKSHOP: POST-COVID YOUTH MINISTRY

Big Picture:

1. COVID has been challenging **and** will be challenging.
2. The realities of COVID impacts will likely be felt for the next year (or two...or longer)
 - Will all students return to in person gatherings?
 - If not, how can we still engage them? (Think Creatively)
 - If we wait for “normal” to return, we will be on the sidelines indefinitely.
3. All of us are in the same boat—how do we get our students/volunteers reengaged?
 - We need to actively share in the struggle.
 - No leader should feel left behind.
4. Christ has called us to make disciples—including out of the next generation (see Mt. 28:18-20; Dt. 6:6-9)

Specifics:

1. “For the One” may be the new reality of some of our youth ministries.
 - Be creative in embracing “one-on-one” ministry. (Still maintain proper student/leader ratio.)
 - Be faithful with whomever God has given you. (Only 3 students right now? Awesome!)
 - Work with your location pastor to specifically plan what this could look like (cost, methods, etc.).
 - Got weekend/holiday plans? Invite “the One” to go with you. (Maintain S/L ratio.)
2. Move outdoors this year if that makes people (students/parents more comfortable).
3. Maintain communication with KZ Director and Crossover Leader (if applicable)
 - Same team (raising up minors, next generation, etc.) – different age groups
 - Should have been happening pre-COVID; certainly needed post-COVID.
 - Meet as a trio monthly if possible.
 - Think “big picture” – from nursery to college graduate, how do/should things flow?

Action Steps:

1. Join All Church Yth Team GroupMe (email Pastor Sam or Pastor Jason with contact info; download GroupMe App)
2. Thinking of starting One Yth at your location? Start Small, Start Something, Start Soon
3. Invite your students to Yth Winter // 2021 (March 20 @ NL Hobart) & Yth Summer // 2021 (Date/Location TBD: Early-Mid August)

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