

## HOW TO GET STARTED

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# WELCOME BACK

This *Welcome Back* campaign is our effort to come alongside you, our local youth pastors and leaders, and provide you with resources to utilize as you prepare for your church doors to open again. Each piece was designed to help you make the most of this opportunity as you consider what changes you want to make within your youth ministry moving forward.

It is our prayer that God will use this resource as one of His tools to relaunch our churches into a new season of ministry.

**READY TO GET STARTED?** Here's what you need to know.

The work we are doing to assist in the relaunch is designed to fit within the context of the mission, vision, values, and strategies defined by your church leadership.

### **Included in your *Welcome Back* download:**

- Video—Find out the value of rebuilding, listening to the Holy Spirit, and investing in prioritized improvements in your youth ministry. Learn the 4 Vital Anchors of any healthy youth ministry.
- Four Vital Anchors—Four youth pastors from around the nation talk about the importance of each anchor. As you work through these, it will be important to identify which area is most crucial for you as a starting point. Included with each video is a PDF with the best practices for implementing the anchors within your youth ministry.
  - “How to Implement Community in Your Youth Ministry” // Peter Reeves, Next Gen Pastor at Mount Hope Church in Lansing, MI
  - “How to Implement Discipleship in Youth Ministry” // Jeremy Donovan, Youth Director at Trinity Church in Cedar Hill, TX
  - “How to Implement Outreach Post COVID-19” // Pat McConville, Students Pastor at Hillside Christian Church in Napa, CA
  - “How to Partner With Parents” // Cody Duff, Next Gen Pastor at Rock Church in Fair Haven, MI
- Webinar—Eleven youth pastors from around the nation discuss what they've learned about their ministry during the crisis, the state of their community, and ministry practices they are considering after COVID-19.
- Next Gen SMaC—These PDFs offer an outline and an example of the structure necessary to build an intentional youth ministry culture using the 4 anchors, as the core strategy. If you would like more information or additional resources, visit [covid19.ag.org](https://covid19.ag.org).

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