

STAGE 1 – REMAINING VIRTUAL

HOW CAN YOU MAXIMIZE AND PRIORITIZE ENGAGEMENT OVER VIEWS?

Easy win: schedule some time with a small group of students or a family to make quality connections.

WHAT IS A NEW DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY YOU CAN IMPLEMENT IN THIS VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT?

Easy win: This is the perfect time to set up your older students to disciple the younger ones. You may watch something truly special unfold in your ministry.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE FAMILIES MORE INTENTIONALLY?

HOW CAN YOU TRAIN, ENCOURAGE, AND PASTOR YOUR VOLUNTEER BASE?

This group of people may be impacted and hurting from COVID-19, as well. Without a doubt, they are stretched thin with work and responsibilities trying to serve in ministry.

WHO HAS BEEN MISSING THAT YOUR MINISTRY NEEDS TO CONNECT WITH IMMEDIATELY?

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STAGE 2 – PARTIAL RE-OPENING

HOW WILL YOU MINISTER TO STUDENTS WHO NEED OR CHOOSE TO CONTINUE STAYING HOME WHILE ALSO MINISTERING TO STUDENTS WHO GATHER IN PERSON?

Perhaps the most important question of the day. How do you make sure they aren't lost in the excitement of some returning? How can you make sure students who are not in the room still feel like they belong?

HOW CAN YOU MOBILIZE STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER FOR CARE AND SUPPORT?

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE FIRST ENVIRONMENT BACK TO CAPTURE THE MOMENT AS A CATALYST FOR MOVING FORWARD AS A MINISTRY?

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WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE GOING TO REMAIN AT HOME, AND HOW WILL THAT IMPACT THE PROGRAMMING YOU PROVIDE?

Easy win: Connect personally with each volunteer to know their plan. Additionally, this provides an opportunity to pastor them as you discover potential struggles and needs.

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PHASE 3 – TOTAL RE-OPENING

WHAT WILL YOU PLAN ON KEEPING THAT YOU'VE LEARNED OR STARTED DURING QUARANTINE?

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LIST SOME THINGS THAT WILL BE DIFFERENT POST-COVID. OR, LIST THINGS YOU HOPE WILL BE DIFFERENT.

What do you need to do to ensure those things come to fruition? There is an opportunity here for ministries to hit the "reset" button on many things, even beyond programming.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE THE HOSPITALITY PIECES OF YOUR MINISTRY TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF LOVE, EXCITEMENT, AND FAMILY?

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW TO BE READY FOR LEADER RECRUITMENT SEASON AND MINISTRY THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN THE FALL?

One thing we know never stops is the need for caring, Godly adult leaders to join us in ministry. Chances are, there will be more spots to fill this time around because of the impact of COVID. The truth remains: our ministries are only as healthy as the volunteer leaders that we've recruited, trained, and cared for.

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