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### **GY Update**

After completion of the all church assessment, the team is now going through our results, and beginning to conduct Listening Sessions. These sessions will take place between now and September 1, where 5 select groups will meet to discuss 7 questions:

1. In light of the growing young assessment report and our own perspective or experience, what are a few things that are going well or that our team/church can celebrate?
2. Which two core commitments are most important for our church to work on first?
3. Review pages 279-280 (“Three Myths about Churches That Change to Grow Young”) in the book Growing Young. What myths or quick fixes (either in the book or others) might we rely on or tend toward?
4. How ready is our church for growing young? As we look to the future and next steps, what are we most excited about? What are we most worried about?
5. What are a few competing commitments at our church that seem at odds with growing young? In what ways do they compete?
6. Are there any spiritual realities or considerations that might further or hinder our progress?
7. As we seek to move forward, are there any “elephants in the room” that need to be named or addressed? Perhaps something we avoid talking about, but needs to be named or resolved if we’re really going to make progress?

The team of 6 have been divided out to lead these discussions, and the Listening Sessions will be split into 5 different age based groups. 15-18, 19-24, 25-34-35-49 and 50+.

### **Working On:**

- Fall planning
- National Day of Youth Ministry Training (Sept 21)
  - Over 100 registered so far
  - Working on details of set-up, prizes, snacks, etc.
- Student Leadership
  - Working on travel, hotel
  - 6 meetings down
- Beginning initial work for Kenya 2020.
  - Informational Meeting this Sunday
  - June 12-23, 2020
  - Hoping to have the Kilimanjaro group (max. 12) committed by June 1st.
  - Rest of the team committed by Sept 1.
- message prep for this Summer

- June Galatians series
- August Esther series
- Message Writing for PowerConnection

**Summer Important Dates:**

June 19 — Valleyfair

June 21 — Hillsong United Concert, Omaha

June 30 — Young Adults Grillout and Game Night

July 14-17 — Student Leadership Conference, Indiana

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July 26-28 — PowerConnection (I'll be gone from July 22-28)

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July 31 — Youth and College Worship Night

August 28 — Fall Kickoff

Sept 21 — National Day of Youth Ministry Training (host site)