

Dear CLVRY YTH Families,

As a NextGen team, we are committed to providing a program that supports your student in their faith journey. We believe that every student should know that they are loved, they belong, and they are not alone. As students are engaging with their faith journey, we believe that relationships with adult leaders and peers are crucial, and provide a space for authentic faith development. This emphasis on relationships has informed our decisions as a team and are continuing to inform the decisions we are making in response to COVID-19. That being said, we have decided to put a significant emphasis on small groups this fall in order to continue to provide a safe space for students to and grow in their relationship with Jesus and process the world around them.

We know that this season is bringing up a lot of questions, and we hope that we can answer through them by providing you with our fall strategy for youth ministry at Calvary!

Programming details

With the health and safety of our students and families in mind, we have chosen to move toward an intentional small group experience for students and are putting weekly large group on hold. Weekly student programming will be 60 minutes long and will happen in small groups hosted by small group leaders in the church building. There will also be a weekly online small group option for both middle school and high school. We are hoping and planning for a bi-monthly large group experience (all students together) which will also be livestreamed.

Important Dates

Kick off - September 9

Parent Night - September 16

No YTH - October 14

Registration/Interest form

- If your family has registered for middle school or high school programs at Calvary before, you do not need to register again this fall
- You will receive an email with a student intent form. This will provide us with information about how your student would like to participate in programming for the fall, either in person or virtual. Each family will need to complete the form before attending programming so we can plan around our space capacity limitations and provide access to virtual programming.

Drop off/Pick-up

- Middle School Students will be dropped off at the south entrance of the building
- High School students will use the north entrance
- Parents will remain in car through the entire pick up and drop off process
- Students will remain in car until they have reached the front of the line
- If your high school student plans to drive themselves, please have them park at the North entrance parking lot
- When you arrive to pick up your child, you will tell a guest experience member your student's name, and their small group leader will be notified to dismiss your student.

Entrance and Exit

- When a student enters the building, they will see stickers on the ground guiding them into the building while maintaining social distancing. They will be greeted by a guest experience member and directed to their small group space in an orderly manner.
- Loitering in the building before or after programming is not allowed--students must exit the building immediately after dismissal.
- When a student's small group leader is notified that their parent has arrived, the student will be dismissed to head to your vehicle.

Other Covid safety measures

- Masks are required for anyone entering the building. Masks must be worn by students and leaders at all times in the building.
- The snack shack and underground will be closed until further notice.
- Hand sanitizer available at the entrances and in each small group meeting space.
- When CLVRY YTH meets as a large group (middle school and high school together), students will be seated with their small group while maintaining social distancing the whole time.
- Please check your child's temperature before bringing them to CLVRY YTH each time

We are excited about the opportunities this fall will bring, and we can't wait to see the ways that God works at CLVRY YTH this fall. We understand that everyone is coming from a different place during this season, and that each family will have a different opinion and comfort level when it comes to safety measures for COVID-19. If your family does not feel comfortable with the safety measures we are taking for in-person programming, want to invite you to continue investing in your student's faith journey by

pointing them to our virtual CLVRY YTH experience this year. We are investing in building this virtual experience, so that all students have access to an intentional faith community.

Blessings,
The NextGen Team