



# 2018 NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING FOLLOW-UP FACILITATOR GUIDE

Thank you for hosting a follow-up conversation from the NEXT Church National Gathering. One of the wonderful aspects of NEXT Church is what we hear and experience at the National Gathering is meant to enhance and change our ministries and communities. It is not meant to be a thought piece for a select few to put on a bookshelf never to be thought of again. Below are some possible questions and prompts to help guide your conversations.

- What are the 1-2 things that have inspired you from the National Gathering?
- What presentations/sermons/workshops continue to challenge you? In what way?
- How have you thought deeper about the theme, “The Desert in Bloom”, since leaving Baltimore?
- What had you hoped to bring back to your ministry context? What steps have you taken to do this? What steps do you need to take?
- What are the conversations we most need to continue in our local context together?
- NEXT Church talks about connecting healthy tissue to healthy tissue across the denomination to strengthen ministry across the Church. What healthy tissues in our own local context need to be connected for deeper collaboration and strengthened ministry?
- Sometimes what is presented at a National Gathering is a great idea, but isn’t feasible in your own context (think Rockin’ Toddler ministry, Turnaround Tuesday, creative use of campus ministry space). It is often the spirit of that work that transcends. What did you learn about the spirit of the work in which people presented or taught?
- In what ways can NEXT Church help equip you for your work? Are there specific initiatives with which you’d like to become more involved? (Cultivated Ministry, Sarasota Statement, NEXT Steps Coaching, Online Roundtable, Trent@Montreat, Elder Symposium, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Community Organizing, NEXT Church Near You, or something else?) Contact Suzanne Davis (szcandavis@gmail.com) to connect about these initiatives.