

# Quick Charge Break Out Sessions Facilitators Guide

**Thank you!** Your role at this conference is an important one. One of our main goals is to help connect the youth leaders while they are at the conference. Our hope is that these connections will last and lead to deeper relationships with fellow youth leaders across the island. This guide is not meant to be a “word for word” script. Please feel free to rephrase any questions or ask similar ones that come to mind as you lead. Two of your most important roles as facilitator are to help keep things moving (by asking follow up questions or shifting to another question if the one you asked isn’t generating much discussion) and ensure that everyone gets a chance to share during the session.

**Welcome the Group:** Start by warmly welcoming everyone. Briefly introduce yourself and what church or ministry you serve. Acknowledge the unique opportunity to gather as youth leaders from different churches and the potential for learning and growth that this gathering offers.

**Introduce the Purpose:** Briefly explain the purpose of the discussion—to get to know each other better, unpack and discuss the main sessions together and share our experiences in youth ministry.

**Group Introductions:** Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and share it with the group. Then have each person share their name, where they serve in youth ministry and their answer to the ice breaker question.

## Icebreaker Questions:

- What’s one unique thing about your church or youth group that you’re particularly proud of?
- Share one interesting fact about yourself that most people don’t know.
- If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why?

**Main Session Discussion:** Use the following questions to encourage discussion about Jim Burn’s first session of the conference on Generation 2 Generation ministry. For this section, let the group know that after you ask the question, anyone can answer when they are ready, but that we will take turns sharing and try to let as many participate as possible. If someone gives a short answer, feel free to ask follow up questions to generate more discussion.

- What was one of the most impactful points Jim Burns made in his talk this morning, and why did it resonate so much with you?
- How has Jim’s talk helped you reinforce or change your thoughts on intergenerational discipleship in your youth ministry?
- Is there anything that Jim said this morning that surprised you during his talk?
- Which one of Jim’s points during his talk challenged you the most when you think about your current youth ministry?

**Continued Discussion:** For the remainder of the allotted time, pick one or two questions from the following sections to continue the group discussion. When there is about 5-10 minutes left, invite the group to break up into groups of 3-4 and share one prayer request with each other. Suggest that when someone shares a request, that someone else in the group volunteers to pray for that specific request. After everyone has had a chance to share, they can begin their closing prayer time together.

**Personal Journey Questions:**

- How did you first get involved in youth ministry, and what inspired you to become a youth leader?
- What's a significant moment in your faith journey that has shaped who you are today?
- Who has been a major influence in your spiritual life, and how did they impact you?

**Ministry Experience Questions:**

- What's one challenge you've faced in youth ministry, and how did you overcome it?
- Can you share a success story from your work in youth ministry that encouraged you?
- What's one thing you've learned from working with youth that you didn't expect?

**Vision and Goals Questions:**

- What are your hopes and dreams for the youth in your church?
- How do you see the role of youth ministry evolving in the next few years?
- What's one goal you have for your youth group in the coming year?

**Collaboration and Networking Questions:**

- What are some ways our churches could collaborate to support each other's youth ministries?
- How can we, as youth leaders, encourage and pray for one another?
- What resources or strategies have you found most helpful in your ministry that you would recommend to others?

**Fun and Creative Questions:**

- If you could plan an ideal youth event with no budget limits, what would it look like?
- What's your favorite game or activity to do with your youth group?
- If you could take your youth group on a mission trip anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

**Reflection Questions:**

- What's one thing you've learned in youth ministry that you wish you knew when you started?
- How do you stay spiritually refreshed and avoid burnout in your ministry role?