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Now What?

The First 6 Months of Getting a New Church Started

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The first six months of starting a new church can be filled with hope, potential, anxiety, and doubt. It's easy to get overwhelmed with all of the things that need to be done. This is especially true if you've gotten investment of money and assistance from your denomination or partner churches. You believe in the vision of a new church that God is forming, and you feel the pressure to make it a reality.

We hear you. We'll be spending our time in conversation and coaching working through these major themes for the first six months of getting a new church started.

- Settle your household
- Settle you spirit
- Go to parties, don't throw parties
- Meet a lot of people
- Show up, everywhere
- Don't get sucked into partner church weirdness
- Everyone in your house has already heard about your new church, don't stay in your house
- Get clarity from stakeholders
- Start fundraising now
- Celebrate, even the little things
- Don't panic