

# Calvary Church Middle School FAQs

## Why is the group called The Spot?

Calvary's Middle School Ministry is called The Spot because this is the place where Middle School students can *connect, grow, and reach*. We want to be a community where students know they belong and are motivated to live out their faith in Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 10:24-25**- *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*



## When and where does The Spot meet on Sundays?

The Spot meets in The Student Underground in The Blue Line each Sunday at 11:00am. Students can check-in by themselves on the platform as they head down to The Underground.

## What do you do on Sundays?

Each Sunday we check-in on the platform in The Underground (just through the double-doors). Students will have some time to hang out and play in The Underground. Then we will move into the Blue Line for a group game and some connection activities. We will engage in worship through music and teaching from God's Word.

\*We have LifeGroups during the school year, but take a break during the summer.

## Why doesn't Middle School meet during the Main Service?

We do not offer programs for Middle School students during the Main Service for a few reasons. We strongly encourage students to worship with their families in the Main Service, or sitting with The Spot. We also encourage students to serve with younger kids. Find out ways to serve [here!](#)

## What is the 2026 summer theme?

When people say "let him cook," they mean give him space—something good is about to happen. Throughout the Bible, we see that when people gave Jesus room to teach lives were changed. This summer, we're slowing down to "Let Him Cook," **Mark 1:22**- *"The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law."*



## How do I know what is happening at The Spot?

We try very hard to communicate clearly and often! Summer calendars and event flyers are available at The Spot. Pastor Josh sends out his weekly parent emails on Mondays to keep you in the loop. You can always find out what's happening here:

- Instagram: [@thisisyourspot](#)
- Website: [calvarylife.org/thespot](http://calvarylife.org/thespot)
- Email: [jsimpson@calvarylife.org](mailto:jsimpson@calvarylife.org)

### **What is the dress code for beach and pool activities?**

Our policy is 'modesty is hottesty.' Basically, we don't want students wearing anything that is too revealing or distracting. We don't want to shame anyone either, but please use discretion.

### **Where do I get a permission form?**

Calvary Church permission forms are required for ALL students for ALL events. You only need to fill out a form electronically once a year and we will keep it on file. If you invite a buddy to an event...make sure they fill one out too! Links to the online Permission forms are available at the bottom of [The Spot Webpage](#) or here...[2026-2027 permission form!](#)

### **Who leads at The Spot?**

The Spot is led by Pastor Josh Simpson. He has been working in the Middle School Ministry at Calvary Church since 1999. Josh grew up attending Calvary Church and went local public schools. He has his Bachelor's degree from Biola and his Master's degree from Talbot Seminary. In addition to Pastor Josh, there is a great team of residents, interns, and volunteers. There are about 22 people serving in this ministry each week, but we are always looking for more quality leaders! If you are interested in serving, you can sign up [here!](#)

### **How can I support The Spot?**

We always need support from parents! Here are some ways you can help out:

- Pray for the Spot Ministry, students, and leaders.
- Offer to drive other students to events like Beach Boogie.
- Donate snacks, prizes, and gift cards. Check out our [Amazon Wishlist!](#)
- Provide meals and ways to encourage our Spot Team.
- Spread the word about The Spot and invite new friends!
- Join our team as a volunteer leader. You can sign up [here!](#)

### **What if my kid is on the fringe?**

If you sense that your teen is on the fringe, somewhat friendless, and defeatist about building new friends, try some of these ideas:

- **Communicate with our team.** Keep us in the loop if you feel like your student is struggling or disconnected. We want to help and pray, so reach out to [Pastor Josh!](#)
- **Verbally encourage new friendships.** When you see your teen taking healthy steps toward new friendships, affirm their efforts.
- **Facilitate friendships.** Go to great lengths to create opportunities for healthy friendships to develop. Suggest creative and fun things to do, and provide transportation.
- **Keep lines of communication open.** Talking about this stuff can be the most important step for lonely teens. Find safe and neutral places for your teen to share with you.
- **Encourage youth group participation.** It's important that your teen has the opportunity to take part in a healthy church youth group...Even if it's hard at first.
- **Pray for your teen!** Pray for healthy friendships that will meet the very real social needs of your teenager.