



Wednesdays in Early 2026 - 1/7 to 4/29

A REMINDER: what **CULTIVATE** is all about. This is a primary avenue we use to highlight our "GROW DEEP" priority, a key emphasis for us at Southland (based on Colossians 2:6-7). Cultivate specifically offers a mid-week opportunity for nurturing our faith by planting roots deep into Christ and His Word *together*.

The content for our Winter/Spring 2026 semester. Instead of exclusively using the typical format of D-Groups ("Deeper Life Groups" - same-gendered smaller groups), we have three separate sessions this semester. Here they are:

1. **For January, we start with a D-Group session - a good way to re-launch after the break.** During these 4 Wednesdays, we'll be working through the letter of 1 John. As is our custom, to supplement the Scripture text and provide some focus for the discussion in D-Groups, we'll make a basic guide available (starting by 1/4 for the first session on 1/7). *Obviously, though, we want to put primary emphasis on reading God's Word in advance of the next week.*
2. **Then, from February 4 through March 11, we'll have a 6-week session of elective classes - as we did last year.** In the midst of our overall curriculum planning, we see a need for some topic-based opportunities in more of a "class" setting. While we value D-Groups, we see Wednesdays as a good context for such classes occasionally. Like we did in early 2025, that's what this six-week session is about. We'll share more about the specific electives being offered toward the middle/end of January.
3. **For the 6 weeks post-Spring Break (March 25 + the 5 Wednesdays of April), we'll wrap-up with another D-Group session - specific content still to be determined.**

Whether the context is D-Groups or the elective classes, the focus is on God's Word - digging-in to see how it intersects with our lives so our faith can be rooted in Christ. As always, we want to be in the right context so we can GROW as the Holy Spirit does His work in us individually and collectively.

We encourage you to join a D-Group (when they're meeting) as a way to GROW DEEP in your faith with others; that's the point of these smaller, same gender groups. You can RSVP on the sheet in the foyer or electronically using the QR-code or this link: <https://gosouthland.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1114518> (if you are viewing this in an electronic format, you can click directly on the link). *An RSVP is especially helpful if you were not in a group this past Fall and are joining us this semester.*



DATES/TIMING of this Winter/Spring 2026 Session. CULTIVATE and D-Groups resume on Wednesday, January 7; this session then runs through April 29. *We have built-in to the schedule a week off during Spring Break (Wednesday, March 18).*

Each week, we do serve a basic meal from 5:30-6:15 (see below for more details) with the actual ministry programming for all ages running from 6:30-7:45.

PROGRAMMING for Kids and Youth for this session.

All pre-K kids are in the nursery area - childcare for the youngest ones and some basic lesson content for older pre-K kids.



Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade are meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Jessica is leading this time, using a series called "**Dave Did! - The Life of King David.**" This curriculum actually starts the second week. *(On January 7, the semester kicks-off with games and fun, including some combined time with the middle school/high school group.)*

Middle school and high school students have their own CULTIVATE time as well, meeting this semester in the auditorium. After January 7 (see above), Les is leading a video Bible study called "**Why Not Now?**" This curriculum challenges students to accept the calling to live like Jesus and participate in His mission even now, not just later. It does this by sharing stories of adolescents from the Bible and in modern life who did/are doing significant things for the Lord.

More re: MEALS. We serve meals each Wednesday for the sake of convenience as well as for an opportunity to fellowship with others in the church family.

Here are some details regarding the meals:

The cost for each meal is \$4/person with a max of \$15/family (this is the same as it has been recently).

Especially if you did not normally eat with us last semester and plan to moving forward, we would appreciate an RSVP for meals. You can do this in the foyer (the same sheet where you can also sign-up to be a part of a "D-Group") or using the link/ QR-Code above. Even if you are not able to join us for supper every week, having a basic number certainly helps in our meal preparation.

We hope you are able to join us for this CULTIVATE session!