

## Wednesdays – 1/23 through 2/27 (another session 3/20 - 4/24)

**A REMINDER** about what **CULTIVATE** is all about. This is a primary avenue we use to emphasize the **GROW DEEP** focus. Based on the language of Colossians 2:6-7, this is a key priority for us here at Southland. Cultivate specifically offers a mid-week opportunity for us to work towards that goal.

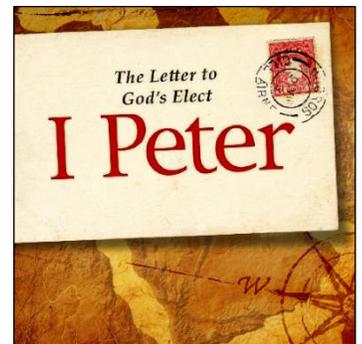
**The content for these two sessions: “DEEPER LIFE GROUPS” (or “D-Groups”)**

As we did in the Fall, we are using Cultivate as the forum for a modified version of “Deeper Life Groups.” Here is the plan for these Bible study groups:

**The goal is transformation.** We want this to be fertile ground for the Holy Spirit to do His work in helping us **GROW**. It’s not about information, but about us being shaped and molded by Him to be more like Christ in every area of our lives.

**The content is God’s Word.** As always, the primary focus is about digging-in to God’s Word and how it intersects with our lives so we can be rooted in Christ.

*For this session, we are looking at the New Testament letter of 1 Peter. Whether it’s something we develop ourselves or a published study, the basic concept is the same – each person spending some time in advance (maybe 30 minutes to an hour), then groups coming together to discuss and reflect on the content together. The conversations become more valuable when group members come already having some familiarity with the material.*



**The context is about us together in relationships for mutual encouragement, prayer and accountability.** These are smaller groups of about 5-8 people of the same gender. This type of setting opens the door for beneficial connecting on a deeper level as *together* we strive for the growth and transformation of each one.

***NOTE: We are also going to offer the hybrid/mixed option again (men and women together). It will use the same content, but just in a different context.***

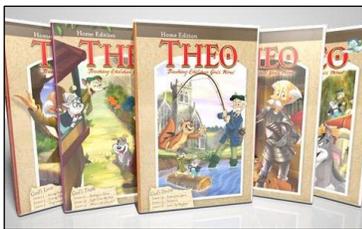
Even if you were not able to participate in the Fall, we do encourage you to join us for this round of D-Groups. You can RSVP in Connect Groups or in the foyer (not necessary if you're wanting to be a part of the hybrid/mixed group). You can also use this electronic RSVP option: [Cultivate RSVP](#).

**DATES/TIMING of this SESSION.** We re-launch our Cultivate programming on Wednesday, January 23; this session runs through February 27. Another session (with different content, but the same basic design) will run from March 20 through April 24.

We serve a basic meal each week from 5:30-6:15 with the actual ministry programming for all ages starting at 6:30. We finish around 7:45.

### **PROGRAMMING for Kids and Youth for this session.**

Kids up through age 3 are in the nursery area for childcare.



Kids ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (*6<sup>th</sup> graders are now with the middle school group*) begin in the Great Room. The plan is to have some fun/play time for the kids wrapped around their lesson. They are using a RightNow Media curriculum called “Theo” – a series designed to teach kids about a life of faith through animation. Each

week is likely to have a couple of different video segments along with time for kids to reflect on the lessons learned. *At some point, the pre-K kids are going to transition back to their own area for more fun time.*

Middle school and high school students are going to meet in the auditorium (they will break into two age-based groups for their lesson time).

**More about Wednesday evening MEALS.** We are continuing to make meals available 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 again \$3/person with a max of \$12/family (this is the same as last year). *NOTE: on 1/23, things are different as this week is a fundraiser meal for our middle school youth's trip to the BELIEVE conference (they are in charge of the meal ... of course with sponsors and parents 😊). In lieu of the typical cost, we encourage you to donate to the group as you are able.*

Starting January 13, you can RSVP for meals in your Connect Group or at the Cultivate display (there is also an RSVP to sign-up to be a part of a “D-Group”). As before, you can RSVP for the entire session or on a more weekly basis. This certainly helps in our meal preparation.

Again, we are also making available an electronic RSVP option. It can be found at the following location: [Cultivate RSVP](#) (on electronic devices, you can click directly on the link to go to the RSVP form).

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