

NO FILTER

**D-NOW 2026:
OCTOBER 23-25, 2026
PARENT PACKET**

WELCOME!

We're so excited for your student to join us for "No Filter," a Discipleship-Now weekend designed to help students understand God, themselves, and others and to authentically walk with the Lord. Through large-group worship, small-group discussions, and intentional fellowship, our goal is to see students grow in faith and community.

D-Now Schedule

Friday, October 23

- 6:15 PM – Check-In at Victory at Pistol Creek (Gym)
- 6:30 PM – Opening Games
- 7:30 PM – Dinner (Gym)
- 8:00 PM – Large Group Worship #1 (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 PM – Break into Age Groups / Travel to Host Homes
- 9:45 PM – Small Group Session #1 & Snacks at Host Homes
- 11:00 PM – Lights Out

Saturday, October 24

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast at Host Homes
- 9:00 AM – Travel to Church
- 10:00 AM – Large Group Worship #2 (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM – Small Group Session #2
- 12:00 PM – Lunch (Gym)
- 12:45–3:00 PM – Mission Projects
- 3:00–6:00 PM – Recreation
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
- 8:00 PM – Large Group Worship #3 (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 PM – Return to Host Homes / Small Group Session #3
- 11:30 PM – Lights Out

Details coming soon
Times subject to change

Sunday, October 25

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast at Host Homes
- 9:00 AM – Travel to Church (Wear Camp Shirt)
- 9:30 AM – Service at Victory
- 10:45 AM – Small Group Session #4 in Life Group
- 12:00 PM – Dismissal – D-Now Ends

Host Homes & Guidelines

Students will stay in host homes grouped by age and gender. Addresses will be provided directly to parents upon request.

Guidelines for Students:

- 1. Represent Jesus well in all situations.**
- 2. Be respectful of the host family and their home. We are guests.**
- 3. Follow any house rules given by your host family.**
- 4. Stay with your assigned group—no switching homes.**
- 5. Help with clean-up and leave the home better than you found it.**
- 6. Be present and involved in all aspects of the event, especially small groups!**

Packing List

Please make sure your student packs:

- 1. Bible, notebook, and pen**
- 2. Toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)**
- 3. Sleeping bag / Air mattress, blanket, & pillow**
- 4. Towel & washcloth**
- 5. Casual clothes for the weekend (layers recommended)**
- 6. Clothes for mission work (we will be outside)**
- 7. Jeans for Sunday (we will be wearing our camp shirts to church)**
- 8. Pajamas or appropriate sleepwear**
- 9. Shoes for indoor and outdoor activities (recommend closed-toed shoes)**
- 10. Any necessary medications (to be listed on medical form)**
- 11. No cellphones! (see FAQs for details)**

FAQs

What is D-Now?

D-Now (Discipleship Now) is a weekend retreat-style event focused on helping students grow in their relationship with Christ through worship, Bible study, small groups, and intentional fellowship. Students stay in host homes with their peers and participate in group sessions at the church throughout the weekend.

Who can attend D-Now?

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to participate. Friends and guests are welcome as long as they register and complete the necessary forms.

What does the cost cover?

The registration fee includes all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast, all teaching materials, activities, and a D-Now t-shirt.

FAQs

Where will my student be staying?

Students are divided into host homes by age and gender. Each host home is a trusted church family that has completed our background check and approval process. Addresses will be provided directly to parents upon request.

Who will be supervising my student?

Each group will have trusted adult leaders staying with them in host homes and attending all sessions.

How are meals handled? What if my student has specific diet requirements?

Meals are provided by the church and host homes beginning with Friday dinner and ending with Sunday breakfast. Please indicate any dietary restrictions during registration so we can make necessary accommodations.

FAQs

What should my student bring?

Students should bring their Bible, notebook, pen, toiletries, sleeping bag or bedding, towel, and comfortable clothes. A full packing list is provided in this packet.

What items should my student leave at home?

Please leave behind anything distracting or inappropriate for a church event—this includes gaming systems, expensive electronics, weapons, tobacco, or anything illegal. We encourage students to minimize phone use to stay fully engaged.

What is the policy for cellphones?

D-Now is a cell phone free event. Students are asked to leave their cell phones at home when they attend. For emergencies, we will provide your student's leaders' cell phone numbers. In extreme cases, cell phones are permitted but must be "checked-in" to a leader for the duration of the event. All cases must be approved by Luke.

FAQs

What if my student has medication or medical needs?

Any medications or medical concerns should be listed on the medical release form. Medications should be clearly labeled and given to a leader.

What happens in case of an emergency?

Emergency contact numbers for leaders and staff will be available at check-in. Parents will be contacted immediately if a situation arises. Emergency protocols are covered by the medical release form.

Will students attend church on Sunday?

Yes! The weekend concludes after Life Group at Victory at Pistol Creek, where families are encouraged to attend. Students will be dismissed following Life Group where they will go over their last session.

FAQs

Can my student come late or leave early?

We ask that students plan to attend the entire weekend to get the full experience. If there's an unavoidable conflict, please contact Luke in advance to arrange check-in or check-out times.

How can I stay updated during the weekend?

We'll post general updates and photos on the church's student ministry social media pages. Parents can also contact leaders directly, if needed.

How can I pray for the weekend?

Pray that students' hearts will be open to the Word, that leaders will have wisdom, and that lasting spiritual growth will come from our time together.

Parent Involvement at Home

We believe discipleship doesn't end when students leave the church or their small groups—it continues at home. Parents play the most important role in shaping a student's faith, and our goal is to partner with you to help your teenager grow spiritually, long after D-Now is over.

After the Weekend

The conversations that follow are often where the information learned takes root. Included in this packet, you'll find parent education resources that outline what students are learning during D-Now. These materials will help you understand the teaching focus and give you discussion prompts to continue the conversation at home. Our prayer is that D-Now will not only impact students for a weekend—but strengthen entire families for a lifetime of faith.

No Filter Small Group Session I

The first small group session was entitled “Seeing God Clearly,” and focused on Psalm 103:1-19. The point of the lesson is that as image bearers, believers must first understand who God is prior to knowing themselves. We can’t make assumptions of God based on our or others’ experiences, instead we must look to the Scriptures to know God’s character and desires for our lives.

Next Steps . . .

As you think through how you can help your student, consider how much of your interaction is focused on Who God is. We often run to application and passively have a “me-first” mentality. The goal of the Christian is to see the person, work, priorities, and rhythm of God first and replicate it in our lives through His power.

Items like sports, grades, jobs, and other contexts can fuel our performance mentality and cause us to reflect on our effort and contribution. This performance mindset can begin to take root in our Christian walk as well. The Christian life is not about what we can bring to the table first. It is about watching the Father work in us and patterning our lives after Him.

No Filter Small Group Session 2

The second small group session was entitled “Seeing Ourselves Clearly” and focused on Luke 7:1-10.

This lesson was focused on misrepresenting ourselves, seeing ourselves clearly in Christ, and allowing ourselves to thrive in Christ as we exercise our faith in Him.

Next Steps . . .

There are thousands of ways that we can compare ourselves to others. In this way, we allow others to be the authority of our identity and our worth. How can you, as a parent, affirm your student’s identity in Christ? Moreover, for some, how can you share the gospel with your student and point them toward making a salvation decision in Christ? Our lesson wraps up who we are in Christ: “The Bible helps us see God and ourselves clearly: sinners whom God invites into His family.”

Push your student to understand their identity in Christ and not look to the things of this world.

No Filter Small Group Session 3

The third small group session, entitled “Seeing Others Clearly,” utilizes Matthew 20:1-16 to help us see how often we value others through a worldly mindset rather than how God sees them. Comparison cuts both ways. Sometimes, it is used to hurt our self-esteem. Sometimes, it is used to hurt the esteem of others. We are called to be loving and to value those around us just as God does. So much so, we are called to be burdened by their spiritual condition and invite them in, just as the Father has, to the spiritual family of God.

Next Steps . . .

Take time to discuss with your student how comparison has affected the way they see themselves and the way they see others. Think through ways that you can be appropriately vulnerable with your student in how you have been affected by comparison. Discuss with your student ways that they can see others through the lens of the gospel rather than through the lens of comparison. Help your student to create an action plan of how to act Christ-like in their interaction with others and how to share the gospel with those they meet.

No Filter Small Group Session 4

The fourth small group session was entitled “Living Unfiltered” and is focused on Luke 7:36-50. The point of the session was to lead students to live a life that is pleasing to God above all - even the respect of man. Students have been taught that the right view of God changes how they are able to see themselves and each other. Students have been encouraged to grow in their understanding of God so that they can have the right foundation for faithful obedience to Him.

Next Steps . . .

Talk with your student about ways that he or she can be on mission with God in his or her world (school, sports teams, neighborhood, church, etc.). Share with your student a time that God used you in the life of someone around you to make a difference for Him. Pray that God will use your student as a missionary in the places where He is sending him or her this week.

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Thank you!

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your student's spiritual growth! We are excited to see how God will work in their hearts during No Filter. Your prayers, encouragement, and involvement at home are vital to helping students apply what they learn and continue growing in their faith.

We look forward to an unforgettable weekend of discipleship, fellowship, and worship—together as a church family!