

Dear Confirmation Families,

During the season of Lent, Middle School Confirmation students are asked to identify and meet with a faith mentor.

As part of confirmation we strive to help students develop faithful relationships with others, not only among students, but also with caring and affirming adults. Faith mentoring gives us a way to foster those relationships and give students a chance to hear stories of faith from other people who are living it in their own unique ways every day.

Students and mentors meet five (5) times between March 5-April 16 to attend worship and go through a provided conversation guide together. Mentors must be either an adult or current 11th or 12th grader who attends SOTV and does not live in your household. If you aren't able to identify someone to be your mentor, you can choose to be matched with a volunteer mentor from the congregation.

What do you need to do to prepare for Lenten Mentoring?

- **First**, read through this packet:
 - The **Green** sheet is yours to keep and has all of the student information.
 - The **Blue** sheet has all the mentor information and should be given to the person you ask to be your mentor. It will help them understand the commitment they are making and has the next steps for them to sign up as your mentor.
 - The **Purple** half sheet gets turned in to Kelsey once you have a mentor lined up or decide to be paired with a volunteer mentor.
- **Next**, pray and think about who you would like to ask to be your mentor. As soon as possible, give them the **blue** sheet from this packet.
- **By February 12, 2025**, either once your mentor has said YES or you choose to be matched up with a mentor, turn in your completed **Purple** half sheet to Kelsey (attached to this packet).

Digital copies of all of these pages are available online at sotv.org/cyf. Additional paper copies can be found on the slat wall opposite the Children, Youth, and Family office.

I am praying that this experience strengthens your relationships, helps you to see the gifts that you have been given by God, and encourages you to feel more comfortable talking about your faith.

May the Lord bless you as you begin your search for a mentor!

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