

Frequently Asked Questions – Mentee/Student/Family

When will I meet with my mentor?

Families and mentors will select 5 times from the list below during the Lenten season (March 5-April 17).

March 5	Ash Wednesday Worship (Noon, 5:30 pm, or 7:00 pm)
March 12	Lent Mid-Week Worship (4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 pm)
March 19	Lent Mid-Week Worship (4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 pm)
March 26*	Lent Mid-Week Worship (4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 pm)
April 2**	Lent Mid-Week Worship (4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 pm)
April 9	Lent Mid-Week Worship (4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 pm)
April 16	Holy Week Experience at your regular Confirmation hour
April 17	Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm
*ISD 196, ISD 192 Spring Break **ISD 191, ISD 194 Spring Break	

What happens if I'm sick or something comes up and I can't meet with my mentor?

Please let your mentor know ASAP if you can't be present for a meeting you agreed upon. You can choose an alternative date from the list above or choose a weekend worship service to attend together between March 5 and April 20. If you're not able to find an alternative time during that window, please contact kelsey.young@sotv.org.

What will my mentor and I do?

You'll meet for about an hour to attend worship together and then have a conversation. We give you a guide every week with some questions you can talk about and an optional activity to do together. The conversation guides will be available every time you come for worship and a digital copy will be available online at sotv.org/cyf.

Can two students have the same mentor?

Yes. Please, no more than 2 students per mentor to be considerate of the experience for everyone involved.

Can a high school student be a faith mentor?

Yes. Current 11th or 12th graders who are not part of your immediate family can be a mentor for a middle school student.

How do you decide who to ask?

Extended family members, a family friend, coach, teacher, community member, friend's parent, or another adult that you know and your parents are comfortable with are all great ideas. The best person to choose is someone who will be honest and real with you, open and willing to listen as well as share, and who cares about you.

What if I can't find someone to be my mentor?

You can choose to be paired with a volunteer mentor from the congregation. We match students and mentors based on your survey so that you have some things in common and can get to know a little about one another before we start!

I chose to be matched with a volunteer mentor. Now what happens?

Students and their families will be notified of their mentor's name and contact information prior to March 5. Students and their families are responsible for reaching out to mentors to finalize their meeting dates.

What safety measures are being taken?

SOTV is committed to creating and maintaining an environment of safety whenever possible. Families are also encouraged to meet their student's mentor, get to know them, and attend worship together. Mentoring meetings occur during public worship or programming times at Shepherd of the Valley. Background screening is completed on all mentors, volunteers, and staff. Adults over the age of 18 must consent to a background check to be eligible as a mentor.

All mentors will participate in orientation prior to meeting with their mentee for the first time. As part of that training we review mandated reporting requirements, and safety practices for working with students.

Other Questions?

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