

# DNow 2025 FAQs

## **What is DNow?**

The Disciple Now is a intown retreat. The retreat centers on small and large group atmosphere at church and in a host home for a weekend. Each group will have six to ten students of the same gender and grade that will be led by an adult leader. All groups go through a specific Bible Study that introduces them to what it means to be a Christian and encourages others in their growth as a Christian.

## **When is DNow**

February 21-23. Starting at 6:00 pm with dinner and ending after the last worship service on Sunday morning.

## **DNow Theme**

*Gravitate*

*James 4:8: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."*

We all have sinful desires, but God desires to rescue his children. If we want to gravitate to the path that leads to life, our desires must change, which means our hearts must change. And only God can change a heart. When we repent and turn to Jesus in faith, we begin to surrender our desires to God and live in such a way that others will notice.

## **Where do students stay?**

Students stay in church members' homes throughout the Middleburg area.

## **Are adults staying in homes?**

Yes, there will be a host family and a small group leader staying in the homes with the students.

## **Who are the group leaders?**

The group leaders are members of our church. Each volunteer goes through a background check and is vetted by our student ministry team.

## **What does the event fee cover?**

The \$50 event fee covers food, materials, t-shirt, and all event activities.

## **What will my son/daughter need for this event?**

Please find a "what to bring" list on our website ([here](#)). Also see what they should *not* bring.

## **When will I know where my student will be staying?**

We try to assign host homes with groups the second week of February. We do not make the assignments public until the Friday night of the event. If you need to know where your student is staying, please contact me.

## **What if my student has a conflict in schedule during the weekend?**

That is one of the beauties of this event – it is done in town. So, if your student has a conflict and it cannot be changed, simply complete the "if not attending full event" section on the Registration Card. But, understand, we strongly encourage you to try and work it out to be there the entire time. Everything we do ties together and builds on top of the next. With this in mind it is very important that your student be there for all of D-Now.

## **Can my teen drive themselves around for the weekend?**

We take the responsibility for student safety seriously. We don't allow students to drive themselves or friends around for this event. The church will provide transportation for each student for the whole weekend. Each driver is a church member over 25 years of age who has had a background check done and has been vetted by the student ministry staff.

## **Medical and Liability Release Form**

You will find a Medical and Liability Release Form on our website ([here](#)). As parents/guardians you will be required to turn this form in before the event. *The form must be notarized.* We will have notary available a few times for your convenience. You can also call the church office and schedule an appointment with a notary there during the week, 904-282-5289.

## **How do I register?**

Register on our church website at [firstmiddleburg.org/events/dnow](http://firstmiddleburg.org/events/dnow). Complete the online form, then download and complete a Medical and Liability Release Form and return it to the church office. Registration will be open until February 2.