

What is Sow?

Sow stands for “Students Of the Word.”

It is a focused, in-depth Bible Study that provides an environment to ask anything, explore everything, and dig deeply into Scripture. We hold the Bible as authoritative, trusting that its truth can withstand honest questions, rigorous examination, and challenging scrutiny. Our goal is not to tell students what to think, but to teach them how to think biblically, critically, and independently.

No topic is off-limits, no question is unwelcome, and no subject we are unwilling to explore.

What should you know, as a parent of a high schooler?

The dinner service is shared with all participants.

This includes our Young Adults, and all of our volunteer leaders, who are all vetted, background checked, and on mission while at Sow. After dinner, High Schoolers go to a separate class for their study.

The High School group is led by Pastor Drew Pappas, while the Young Adult study is led by Isaac Arnett.

When we say any topic, we mean any topic.

*When we are going through a book of the Bible, we'll address topics as they come, but open Q&A can bring anything to the forefront. Topics that will be brought up: Political issues, sexuality, violence, ethical questions, abuse, mental health issues, suicide, as well as culturally relevant issues such as LGBT issues, gender identity, and most important of all: being a light in a dark world. Some parents may wish to introduce these topics before sending their child to Bible Study. We hold to a traditional sexual ethic, and we believe scripture consistently confirms this. **What we won't do:** Be your child's sex ed. If your child hears terms that most teens know but they do not, it is not our intent to give them a graphic definition. We will literally tell them “Ask your parents.” You've been warned. We also won't pin them to theological minutia to make them agree with us. Healthy disagreement and productive debate are hallmarks of Sow.*

We run a serious Bible Study for people who want to study the Bible.

We get nerdy. We use big words. And then define those big words using smaller words. We go slow. That doesn't mean we don't have fun, and it certainly doesn't mean we don't laugh, often at ourselves. We want all participants to understand what they are getting into. If your student is not seeking to have a serious discussion about scripture, then Sow is not for them. If what they need is time to socialize with friends, they can better meet that need elsewhere. If they want to know more about the God who made them, are willing to focus, and have a genuine interest in scripture, no matter how far along they are, then Sow is for them.

Sow is a group of Bible Studies that take place on Sunday nights at WayPoint North. We provide dinner for all participants at 5:00pm, and studies begin at 5:30pm. Studies follow the same scripture and content plan, but vary widely in where and how those discussions go.

Currently we have two Studies - one for High School (students in grades 9-12), and one for graduated Young Adults (adults ages 18-28). All are welcome and it is always free.