

D-Groups 2026/2027: What We're Studying This Year

SEE · SURRENDER · SERVE

Hi GoodTree family,

Here is a snapshot of what our Discipleship Life Groups (D-Groups) will be journeying through together this year.

Where we've been

Over the past few years our groups have worked through **Practicing the Way** video series, a set of **Bible character studies** that went alongside our Sunday sermon series, a guided study of **Colossians**, and **Crafting a Rule of Life** book study, to name a few.

See. Surrender. Serve.

These three words come straight from GoodTree's mission, and this year they shape everything our groups do. Each term takes one of them as its focus. They're also the three questions every group will come back to each time they meet, whatever passage happens to be open on the table:

SEE. What do we notice here? What does it show us about God, about people, and about the mission He's invited us into?	SURRENDER. What is Jesus asking us to place under His authority? It might be a belief, a habit, a fear, a relationship, or a plan we're holding too tightly.	SERVE. What would obedience look like this week? Who can we love, include, encourage, forgive, or help?
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Having the same three questions every time means anyone can jump in and follow along, even if it's their first night.

The year ahead

WHEN	FOCUS	WHAT WE'RE STUDYING
October and November	See: The Big Story	The Bible Course (8 sessions)
December	<i>Advent break</i>	No new material
January to March	Surrender: Faith in Action	The book of James (7 sessions)
April to June	Serve: Live Out the Story	The book of Acts (5 sessions) and a group service project

This fall: The Big God Story. We're starting with The Bible Course from the Canadian Bible Society. Over eight short video sessions it walks through the whole story of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, and shows how every part of it points to Jesus. It assumes no Bible background at all, so if you've ever thought about trying a D-Group, this is the easiest time to jump in. And if you've been reading the Bible for fifty years, I think you'll still be surprised to see how it all fits together.

December: Advent. Groups will take a break from new material. Instead they'll share a meal, pray through the four weeks of Advent together (hope, peace, joy, and love), and do one simple act of care for someone.

This winter: James. James is short, blunt, and very practical. It's hard to read it and stay the same! Our team has written a seven session study that covers trials and wisdom, listening well, favouritism, faith you can actually see, the way we speak, pride and our plans, and patient prayer. Each session ends with one small thing to try that week. As James himself puts it, *"Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says"* (James 1:22).

This spring: Acts. In Acts we watch ordinary people, filled with the Spirit, get sent out into their neighbourhoods and beyond. So this term the groups won't only study service, they'll plan and do it. Each group will notice a real need nearby, ask the people involved what would actually help, and then serve together. We'll wrap up in June with a celebration where groups share what they saw, surrendered, and served, and we'll commission new leaders for the year after.

What a D-Group meeting looks like

Most gatherings run a couple hours. We catch up, read Scripture together (or watch the video in the fall), talk through See, Surrender, and Serve, and then pray for each other. Before heading home we figure out who's hosting, reading, and leading prayer next time, so no one person carries it all.

There's no required homework. For anyone who wants to go further, there's optional extra reading, a background note, or a journaling question to take home.

Not every group meets on the same schedule. Some meet weekly, some every other week, and some once a month. The James and Acts studies were written to flex with that, so every group gets through the whole book by the end of the term, just with fewer stops along the way.

Want to join?

We'd love to have you! Fall is a great time to start, since The Bible Course begins at the beginning (pun intended!). Come find me after service or send me a note, and I'll help you find a group that fits your schedule and your stage of life.

See you around the table,

Pastor Nahri