

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020 FAITH STATEMENT GUIDELINES

DUE DATE: PLEASE complete by April 12, 2020

PURPOSE & FORMAT:

Essay to allow student to reflect on and articulate their faith and why they wish to affirm their baptism. The questions below are the minimum expectation. Please feel free to add additional comments/stories about your faith to make your faith statement more personal.

(Total Faith Statement length, should be 2-3 pages double spaced, TYPED, 12 pt font.)

1. Share a few times in your life you've felt close to God/Jesus. (If you haven't felt close to God, why do you think that is?)
(3-10+ sentences)

2. Which people have most impacted your faith? How?
(3-10 sentences)

3. In a safe place (in public or with someone else present if not a family member), talk to two people who you think have a strong faith in Jesus. Ask them what role faith plays in their life and why it's important to them. Ask them if they ever have doubts or questions about their faith and how they cope with the tough times in life. Ask them why going to church is important to them. Then give a summary of your meetings with each of them here.
(10-20+ sentences)

4. What do you think someone who has NEVER heard about Jesus really needs to know?
(3-7 sentences)

5. What do you think God and Jesus think about you as a person? Why? What do you think about your relationship with God and Jesus?

(2-10 sentences)

6. What are the most important things you've learned so far in confirmation, worship, Sunday School, or at camp or anywhere else about God and Jesus?

(1-5 sentences)

7. Why do you want to be "confirmed"? What difference does it make?

(3-5 sentences)

8. When/where do you see God active in your daily life?

(3-10+ sentences)

9. If you don't see yourself coming to Sunday worship in the coming 3-6 years, is there anything we as a church should be doing different that would change your mind?

(4-10 sentences)

10. What specific talents/skills/knowledge/interests do you have? (YES, you have some!)

(2-6 sentences)

11. How do you plan to live out your faith once you are confirmed? (Honestly!) If you don't plan to stay active in the church, read the Bible, pray, etc., why not?

(4-10 sentences)

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QUIZ GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

To ensure all those affirming their baptism have at least a basic knowledge of some of the key facts and beliefs of our faith.

FORMAT:

A short answer quiz.

We will go over all of the answers in class. I've also enclosed a copy of the quiz WITH answers! When you feel you know the material, you will complete an identical worksheet in front of Pastor Jeff or verbally answer the questions, without notes. You can take this "quiz" as many times as it takes you to receive a passing score of at least 80%. While we are calling this a "quiz", the goal is to help EVERYONE pass and know this very basic knowledge of our faith. We will work with you until you complete this requirement.

Please note:

- Students may only attempt the quiz once per day
- Students are responsible for arranging a time to take the quiz, ideally, well before the deadline so they don't all happen at once.
- Exceptions will be made for students with documented learning disabilities

DUE DATE: MUST be complete by May 13, 2020!