

Sample Confirmation Resource

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
- Hebrews 11:1

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Transitions Small Group Schedule

2017-2018 Schedule

(Revised 08/28/17)

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Important Dates:

December 1-3 (Middle School Retreat - 5 Activity Credits)

February 23-25 (30 Hour Famine - 5 Activity Credits)

March 23-25 (Confirmation Retreat - Required Activity)

Wednesday April 25, 2018 - Confirmation Meeting with Session

Sunday May 27, 2018 - Confirmation Sunday

Transitions 2017-18 Church Activity Log

Introduction: Between September and the end of May you are required to participate in 50 church activities. You may count any of the following: Attendance at a worship service, Youth Group, Sunday School, Helping with Sunday School, Bells, Girl's Chorus, etc. Special services and events (Advent Soup Supper, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday) count as well. Retreats and overnight events count for multiple events (ask Steph for the specific value of each event). The only activities that do not count are those required for Transitions itself (class meetings, service projects, etc.)

	Activity	Date	Signed	<i>Suggested Schedule</i>
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Transitions 2017-2018 Monthly Requirements

Each month you'll have the following things to complete:

- Two Sets of Readings
- One Journal Entry
- Two Sermon Response Forms
- One Enrichment Activity

Each passage of scripture will have THREE questions you need to answer:

- Review - This is as straightforward as it sounds - you'll be asked to recall something from the passage (who did something, where they were, etc.)
- Think - This will ask you to think about something in the passage or maybe draw a connection between this passage and another one we read. The answer won't be straight out of the readings like the recall question.
- Apply - This question will ask how we apply what this scripture teaches to our lives.

Transitions 2017-2018
September Activities Checklist
(Please initial when complete)

- Reading Set #1: _____
- Sermon Response #1: _____
- Sermon Response #2: _____
- Journal Entry: _____
- Enrichment Activity: _____

Set #1

Passage #1: Luke 4:1-13

Review: What did Jesus quote when he responded to Devil's temptations?

Think: Why was Jesus able to resist the temptations he faced?

Apply: What's an example of something you're tempted to do?

Passage #2: Luke 4:14-30

Review: Where was Jesus preaching and why was this place unique for him?

Think: Why do you think people had trouble accepting what Jesus was saying? (Hint: Read vs. 22 again)

Apply: Have you ever faced rejection for saying the right thing? What is an example?

Passage #3 Luke 5:1-11

Review: What did Jesus tell Peter he'd be doing from now on?

Think: Why do you think Peter told Jesus to go away after he had helped him catch so many fish?

Apply: When was a time when you have been so excited about something you wanted other people to come do it as well?

Passage #4: Luke 5:12-16

Review: What disease did the man have?

Think: Why do you think the man wanted to be healed? (You may want to Google leprosy)

Apply: When have you felt rejected from a group of people?

Passage #5: Luke 5:17-26

Review: How did the man's friends get him to Jesus?

Think: Why did the Pharisees and teachers of the law think Jesus was doing something wrong?

Apply: Why is it important that Jesus had authority to forgive sins?

Passage #6: Luke 5:27-32

Review: What was Levi's job?

Think: Who do you think the Pharisees and teachers of the law expected Jesus to hang out with?

Apply: What happens when you hang out with people other people don't think you should hang out with?

September Journal Assignment: This month we'll be reading a lot about Jesus and what he did. Spend some time thinking about what you already know about Jesus and try and come up with a list of five things you know. Then spend some time thinking about what you'd ask Jesus if you had a chance to talk to him face to face.

September Enrichment Activity

Topic: The Lord's Prayer

Due: Meeting #1

Part #1: Memorize the Lord's Prayer so that you can write it out word for word

Part #2: Answer the questions below about the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

1. Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer as a model for how we are to pray. When someone gives us a model, how is that supposed to help us?
2. The opening line of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father" implies a lot of things. What would you say it implies (There's more than one correct answer, but they're not all correct)
 - ____ God is distant and impersonal to us
 - ____ God is personal like a good mom or dad.
 - ____ God cares about all parts of our lives
 - ____ God only cares about the really important parts of our lives.
 - ____ God is a male
3. What do you think it means when we pray "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" ?
4. Another way to translate the Lord's prayer would be this "... and forgive us our sins as much as we have forgiven others when they have sinned against us." Give an example of how this might work in God's eyes.

Sermon Response Form

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Title of Sermon: _____

Preacher: _____

Scripture Passage: _____

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October Activities Checklist
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- Reading Set #2: _____
- Reading Set #3: _____
- Sermon Response #3: _____
- Sermon Response #4: _____
- Journal Entry: _____
- Enrichment Activity: _____

Set #2

Passage #1: Luke 6:27-36

Review: What did Jesus say we should do for those who mistreat us?

Think: Why did Jesus teach people to love their enemies?

Apply: Why is this teaching of Jesus' especially challenging?

Passage #2: Luke 6:37-45

Review: What does Jesus use for an analogy in this passage?

Think: Why did Jesus warn his listeners against judging people?

Apply: Is there a difference between judging someone and making a judgment about someone? What is it?

Passage #3 Luke 6:46-49

Review: The wise man built his house upon the _____

Think: Does either the wise man or the foolish man avoid the storms of life?

Apply: What is Jesus' offer to us if we base our lives upon his teachings?

Passage #4: Luke 8:1-15

Review: Who did Jesus say the seed that fell along the path represented in the parable?

Think: Why do some people start out strong in faith and then fade away?

Apply: This parable makes it clear that the type of soil is important to how the seed of faith will grow. How can we make sure we are in good soil? (so to speak)

Passage #5: Luke 8:16-21

Review: Who does Jesus say are his mother and brothers?

Think: Why does Jesus keep coming back to the idea of not only hearing Jesus words but putting them into practice?

Apply: What is one way you can put Jesus' teachings into practice this week?

Passage #6: Luke 8:22-25

Review: Why did the disciples wake Jesus up?

Think: What did they think he'd be able to do when they woke him? What does this say about their faith?

Apply: Is there anything in our lives that Jesus doesn't have power over? Explain.

Set #3

Passage #1: Luke 8:26-40

Review: What animal did Jesus permit the demons to go into?

Think: Who in this story recognized who Jesus was as "Son of the Most High God"?

Apply: Should we be fearful of demons today? Why or why not?

Passage #2: Luke 9:18-27

Review: What did Jesus say the Son of Man must do? (Hint: three things starting with S, R, and K)

Think: Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ?

Apply: How are you going to deny yourself? Do you really have to hate your mom and dad to be one of Jesus' disciples?

Passage #3 Luke 9:28-36

Review: Who were the Old Testament figures who appeared with Jesus?

Think: Why do you think Moses and Elijah talked about Jesus' departure in front of the disciples?

Apply: The disciples didn't tell anyone about this. Why not? What would you do if something like this happened to you?

Passage #4: Luke 9:57-62

Review: What did all the people who talked to Jesus want to do?

Think: Why wasn't Jesus more understanding of people who wanted to follow him?

Apply: Where does Jesus want to rank on our list of priorities? Where does he rank with you?

Passage #5: Luke 10:25-37

Review: Who was the one who had compassion on the man?

Think: What was the expert in the law trying to do?

Apply: Who is someone you find it really hard to be nice to?

Passage #6: Luke 11:1-13

Review: What question was asked that led to Jesus' teaching on prayer?

Think: Does Jesus really mean that we'll only be forgiven from our sins if we forgive others?

Apply: Do you ever worry about using the wrong language to pray? Why?

October: This month we've talked at length about Jesus' call to deny ourselves and take up our cross in order to follow him. Spend some time thinking about what it means to deny yourself and give some examples of what it might look like for someone to deny themselves.

October Enrichment Activity

Topic: The Nicene Creed

Due: Meeting #3

(You may pick any option 1-3)

Option #1: Memorize the Nicene Creed so that you can write it out word for word

Option #2: Answer the questions below about the Nicene Creed

Option #3: Come up with your own enrichment idea - write a song, draw or painting something, come up with a fun lesson for kids, the world is your canvas. BUT.... Steph must approve the idea first.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Matching Game!

(The Nicene Creed is full of all kinds of fancy language - let's see if you can match the Nicene Creed phrase on the left with the normal phrase on the right:

Nicene Creed	Letter	Normal Language
1. Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen		A. We believe that ultimately all Christians are connected to the same church, and this church goes all the way back to the time of Jesus' apostles.
2. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father		B. After his death and resurrection, Jesus was visibly taken up in Heaven.
3. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven		C. God made everything
4. Incarnate of the Holy Spirit		D. Jesus and the Father, while separate persons share an identical nature with one another.
5. He ascended into heaven		E. Jesus' birth was miraculous because unlike most births, he didn't have a human Father. His mom became pregnant because of the Holy Spirit.
6. Who proceeds from the Father and the Son		F. We believe that when Jesus returns everyone who has died will be raised from the dead just as Jesus was.
7. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church		G. The Holy Spirit is fully God, just as the Father and Son are, and was sent by the Father and the Son to the World.
8. We look for the resurrection of the dead		H. Jesus came to earth not because he needed to, but because we needed to be saved from our sins.

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November Activities Checklist
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- Reading Set #4: _____
- Reading Set #5: _____
- Sermon Response #5: _____
- Sermon Response #6: _____
- Journal Entry: _____
- Enrichment Activity: _____

Set #4

Passage #1: Luke 11:29-36

Review: What Old Testament figure does Jesus make reference to?

Think: What is the connection between Jesus and Jonah? (This is kind of tricky, but think about how long Jonah was in the whale and how long Jesus was in the tomb)

Apply: The saying goes, "You are what you eat". Jesus seems to be saying "You are what you see". How do you understand this as it applies to your life? What might you be seeing that isn't good for you?

Passage #2: Luke 12: 1-12

Review: Jesus tells us that we should not f_____

Think: Yeast is what causes bread to rise - it literally gives bread its life. Jesus is warning people to beware of the "yeast of the Pharisees". What do you think he means by that?

Apply: What is something that you are really afraid of? Spend some time praying about that fear.

Passage #3: Luke 12:13-32

Review: Jesus tells us that we should not _____

Think: Why do we worry about things we can't control?

Apply: What does Jesus say about our relationship to material stuff? Should it be the most important thing in your life? Why or why not?

Passage #4: Luke 12:49-53

Review: Jesus says he didn't come to give peace on earth but rather d_____

Think: Why did Jesus say people would be divided?

Apply: Have you ever made a decision that causes conflict with your family? What happened?

Passage #5: Luke 13:1-9

Review: True or False: The people who had bad things happen to them were worse sinners.

Think: What answer does Jesus give to the question of why bad things happen?

Apply: Does God cause bad things to happen to you?

Passage #6: Luke 14:12-24

Review: Why didn't the people originally invited to the banquet come?

Think: Why does Jesus say that we should invite people to a banquet who can't repay us?

Apply: Of all your activities, what's the most important to you?

Set #5

Passage 1: Luke 14:25-35

Review: Jesus said we have to h_____ our mother and father

Think: Why does Jesus say we have to hate all these people?

Apply: Have you ever started something, only to realize it was a lot harder than you thought so you quit? How did that feel?

Passage 2: Luke 15:11-32

Review: How did the younger son lose all the money his father gave him?

Think: Who's who in this story? Who is God? Who are we?

Apply: Have you ever really messed up and had someone forgive you? How did that feel?

Passage 3: Luke 16:1-13

Review: Jesus said we can't serve God and m_____

Think: How do we make money our master?

Apply: Can you think of a situation where being faithful to God might actually cost your money?

Passage #4: Luke 18:1-8

Review: Why is this parable entitled the “persistent widow”?

Think: Why didn’t Jesus use a good and righteous judge in this parable?

Apply: Why can it be difficult to keep praying for the same thing?

Passage #5: Luke 18:9-14

Review: Who did Jesus tell this parable to? Why is this important?

Think: What was the major difference between the Pharisee and the tax collector?

Apply: Why is it dangerous to think things about yourself that aren't true?

Passage #6: Luke 18:18-30

Review: What did Jesus tell the man he had to do before he could follow Jesus?

Think: What did the man love more than Jesus?

Apply: Have you ever had to give up something that was really important to you? Explain.

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November Enrichment Activity

Topic: The 23rd Psalm

Due: Meeting #5

(You may pick any option 1-3)

Option #1: Memorize the 23rd Psalm so that you can write it out word for word

Option #2: Answer the questions below about the 23rd Psalm

Option #3: Come up with your own enrichment idea - write a song, draw or painting something, come up with a fun lesson for kids, the world is your canvas. BUT.... Steph must approve the idea first.

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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1. What is the responsibility of a Shepherd? Why is this image appropriate for God?
 2. "In the presence of my enemies" and "walk through the valley of the shadow of death" don't sound like the best places to be. Why do you think they are included in this Psalm?
 3. *The Message* translates part of the 23rd Psalm this way: "He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake"
 - Does the word "guides" imply that we have a choice of whether to go in the direction God wants us to? Why or why not?
 - What does it mean that God does this "for his name's sake?" (Hint: Maybe you're more familiar with the idea of doing something in someone's name or honor. For example, if you're on a sport team and you want to honor one of your teammates you might say "Let's win this game for Sam!")
 4. Why do we need God's mercy to follow us all the days of our lives?

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December Activities Checklist
(Please initial when complete)

- Reading Set #6: _____
- Reading Set #7: _____
- Sermon Response #7: _____
- Sermon Response #8: _____
- Journal Entry: _____
- Enrichment Activity: _____

Set #6

Passage #1: Luke 19:11-27

Review: What did the man expect his servants to do with the money?

Think: Why was the ruler upset with the man who hadn't earned any additional money?

Apply: If you were to sum up how this parable applies to our lives what would you say?

Passage #2: Luke 19:28-44

Review: How did the crowds greet Jesus? (Hint: What did they call him?)

Think: Why did Jesus cry when he saw Jerusalem?

Apply: What are three things that can cause us to miss what God is doing in our lives?

Passage #3: Luke 20:20-40

Review: What did Jesus tell his followers about paying taxes?

Think: Why did the teachers of the law ask Jesus this question? (Hint: Look at v. 20)

Apply: Does Jesus' teaching apply to us today? Why or why not?

Passage #4: Luke 21:1-4

Review: Did the widow give a large or small sum of money?

Think: Why did Jesus say she had given more money than all the rest?

Apply: How does this passage connect to Passage #1 from this section? (Luke 19:11-27)?

Passage #5: Luke 21:5-38

Review: What does Jesus tell his followers regarding worrying about the “end of the age”?

Think: What is Jesus’ main message to his followers?

Apply: Why is the “end of the world” something that people worry about a lot? Should they?

Passage #6: Luke 22:39-71

Review: Who betrayed Jesus?

Think: Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus?

Apply: When might we be tempted to betray Jesus? How might that happen?

Set #7

Passage 1: Luke 23:1-25

Review: Instead of asking for Jesus to be released, the crowd asked for _____

Think: Pilate kept trying to get Jesus off the hook, but ultimately gave into the crowd's demands. Why do you think he did that?

Apply: What are ways that we reject Jesus?

Passage 2: Luke 23:26-43

Review: When he was on the cross, Jesus asked the Father to _____ those who crucified him.

Think: The crowds mocked Jesus saying he could save others but not himself. Why do you think Jesus didn't save himself?

Apply: What do we mean when we say "Jesus died for our sins?"

Passage 3: Luke 23:44-56

Review: The Centurion declared that Jesus was _____

Think: Why were "those who knew him" standing at a distance? (v. 49)

Apply: What's the saddest situation you have faced in your life?

Passage #4: Luke 24:1-12

Review: When the women saw the two men at the tomb they were _____

Think: Why didn't the disciples believe the women when they told them the good news? (v. 11)

Apply: Are you someone who will believe people pretty easily or do you want physical proof? How does that relate to this story?

Passage #5: Luke 24:13-35

Review: The disciples recognized Jesus when he _____ the _____

Think: Why didn't the two men on the road recognize Jesus?

Apply: Have you ever experienced something (like a dream) that seemed so real but wasn't "real" ?

Passage #6: Luke 24:36-51

Review: Jesus ate a piece of _____

Think: Why do you think Jesus chose to eat food?

Apply: Have you ever had to struggle with something to understand it? What was it?

Sermon Response Form

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December Enrichment Activity

Topic: The Apostle's Creed

Due: Meeting #7

(You may pick any option 1-3)

Option #1: Memorize the Apostle's Creed so that you can write it out word for word

Option #2: Answer the questions below about the Apostle's Creed

Option #3: You can receive One Activity Point if you do both Option 1 and Option 2.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

1. True or False: We believe that God created everything
2. True or False: We believe that Jesus had an ordinary birth just like you and me
3. "Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate". Why did Jesus suffer?

4. True or False: Jesus didn't really die... he only pretended to die since he came back three days later
5. True or False: We believe that Jesus's body is in heaven
6. True or False: We believe that there is one church that all people who trust in Jesus Christ are connected to through time and space.
7. Write what YOU believe about the following topics:
 - 7.1. God

 - 7.2. Jesus

 - 7.3. The Holy Spirit

 - 7.4. Sin

 - 7.5. Forgiveness

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January Activities Checklist
(Please initial when complete)

- Reading Set #8: _____
- Reading Set #9: _____
- Sermon Response #9: _____
- Sermon Response #10: _____
- Journal Entry: _____
- Enrichment Activity: _____

Set #8

Passage #1: John 1:1-18

Review: In the beginning was the _____

Think: How does this passage relate to Christmas?

Apply: What "right" do we receive through Jesus?

Passage #2: John 2:1-12

Review: Where did this miracle take place?

Think: Why do you think Mary (Jesus' mom) came to him to deal with the wine problem?

Apply: What does this passage tell us about what Jesus can do with ordinary things?

Passage #3: John 4:1-42

Review: The woman Jesus was talking to was a s_____

Think: In the 1st Century, men and women didn't talk alone like this, let alone a samaritan and a Jew. Why do you think Jesus was willing to risk talking to her in public?

Apply: What are sources of "living water" in our lives?

Passage #4: John 6:25-71

Review: Jesus said: I am the _____ of life

Think: Why do you think people were following Jesus? (take a look at John 6:1-11 for a hint)

Apply: Did Jesus really mean we have to eat his flesh and drink his blood? If not, what did he mean?

Passage #5: John 7:53-8:11

Review: What had this woman done that she was in trouble for?

Think: Why did the people eventually all walk away?

Apply: How could a passage like this be misapplied to our lives?

Passage #6: John 8:48-58

Review: Jesus and the Jews were arguing about a person from the Old Testament. Who was it?

Think: Why did the Jews try and stone Jesus (Hint: Look at Exodus 3:14)

Apply: The Jews thought they understood what Jesus was saying, but they missed the point completely. Why does this happen to us as well?

Set #9

Passage 1: John 10:22-42

Review: The Jews tried to _____ Jesus

Think: What is blasphemy?

Apply: Why does it matter if Jesus if claims to be God? What difference would it make if he was just a human?

Passage 2: John 11:1-44 (Yes, the whole thing - I know it's long)

Review: Lazarus got sick and _____

Think: Why didn't Jesus go see Lazarus right away?

Apply: Explain "resurrection" in your own words.

Passage 3: John 11:45-57

Review: Who was the high priest that year?

Think: Why were they threatened by Jesus?

Apply: Think of a situation where you might need challenge the way things were being done because it wasn't fair.

Passage #4: John 13:1-17

Review: Jesus washed the disciples' _____

Think: Why didn't Peter want to let Jesus wash his feet?

Apply: Sum up what you think Jesus was trying to teach his disciples by washing their feet.

Passage #5: John 14:1-14

Review: Philip asked Jesus to show them the _____

Think: Why can Jesus say that if the disciples have seen him they have seen the Father?

Apply: If someone were to ask you describe God, what would you say?

Passage #6: John 14:15-31

Review: Jesus promises that the _____ of Truth will come

Think: Why does Jesus say that the Spirit will be "another" as well as saying "I will come to you" and "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me"?

Apply: If someone asked you to describe the Holy Spirit, what would you say?

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January Enrichment Activity
Topic: Hebrews 11:1 / Matthew 11:1-6
Due: Meeting #9

Assignment: Answer the questions below about Hebrews 11:1

Five Translations of Hebrews 11:1

- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (NASB95)
- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (ESV)
- Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (NAB)
- Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (NIV)
- Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (NLT)

Matthew 11:1–6 (NIV)

¹ After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. ² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” ⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

1. What is the difference between saying “I believe...” and “I have faith....”?

2. Give me an example of something you believe (not church related)

3. Give me an example of something you have faith in (not church related)

4. How does Jesus react to John's doubts about whether he was the Messiah?

5. How are belief, faith, and doubt related?

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Set #10

Passage #1: Acts 1:1-11

Review: When Jesus ascended into Heaven, the disciples saw two _____

Think: Why did Jesus tell his followers to wait for the Holy Spirit?

Apply: What do Jesus's final instructions "You will be my witnesses..." mean for us?

Passage #2: Acts 2:1-41

Review: At Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the _____

Think: Why did those in the crowd think the disciples were drunk?

Apply: What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? (This is a big topic, but just list one thing you can think of)

Passage #3: Acts 4:1-22

Review: Peter and John were arrested and appeared before the _____

Think: Why were Peter and John arrested?

Apply: When challenges come in your life do you react like Peter and John did? Why or why not?

Passage #4: Acts 5:1-11

Review: Ananias and Sapphira said they donated _____ the money to the apostles

Think: What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong?

Apply: Why are we tempted to make ourselves look better than we really are?

Passage #5: Acts 6:8-15, 7:44-8:1

Review: Stephen was arrested for _____

Think: Why didn't Stephen just lie?

Apply: What's something (or someone) you'd be willing to give your life for?

Passage #6: Acts 8:26-40

Review: Philip talked to a man who was from _____

Think: Why did the eunuch need help understanding what he was reading?

Apply: Who are the people who have helped you understand what it means to be a Christian?

Set #11

Passage #1: Acts 9:1-19a

Review: On his way to Damascus, Saul saw a bright _____

Think: Why would Saul be an unlikely person for God to choose to share his message?

Apply: Sometimes God re-directs us, other times God completely sends us in a new direction. Imagine a situation where God could completely send you in a new direction.

Passage #2: Acts 9:19b-31

Review: What was people's first reaction when they heard Saul (now Paul) speaking in the synagogues?

Think: Why is it sometimes difficult to believe that someone has truly changed?

Apply: Paul's key problem was that people didn't trust him. Who are the people you need to trust you? How do you develop that trust?

Passage #3: Acts 10:1-23

Review: Cornelius had a vision of an _____ of _____

Think: Why didn't Peter want to eat what was considered unclean? What was he concerned about?

Apply: What's a situation in which you had to do something that was really uncomfortable for you?

Passage #4: Acts 10:24-48

Review: When Peter entered his house, Cornelius _____

Think: Peter gives us a one-sentence answer to the question of what it takes to please God (hint: v. 34-35). What is it?

Apply: Do you think racism is a problem in your school? Explain.

Passage #5: Acts 11:19-30

Review: At Antioch, the disciples were first called _____

Think: Why would the people in Antioch send a gift to the people of Judea?

Apply: Who are the people who encourage you the most?

Passage #6: Acts 15:1-35

Review: This meeting was held in the city of _____

Think: What was the main issue facing the council?

Apply: What are the things that are so important to you, you'd never give them up? (think hobbies, people, etc.)

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February Enrichment Activity

Topic: God's Faithfulness

Due: Meeting #11

"God is...."

There are a lot of things you can say about God, such as "God is like..." but there are fewer things that the bible defines as part of God's very nature - in other words, who God is. One of those things that God is recognized as over and over again is this: God is faithful.

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments." (Deuteronomy 7:9, NIV)

"Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures." (Psalm 119:90, NIV)

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV)

"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9, NIV)

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV)

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3, NIV)

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23, NIV)

1. Give an example of unfaithfulness (this would something a human would do)
2. Why is it important that God is faithful to his promises?
3. Last month we talked about doubt in relation to faith. What does God's faithfulness have to do with this quote: "If your Jesus can't handle your doubts, then you need a bigger Jesus"?
4. You'll hear people say "God will never give you more than you can handle". Look at the verse above, do you find something similar to that idea?

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Set #12

Passage #1: Genesis 1-2:3

Review: God took _____ days to create everything

Think: The main point of this chapter is that God created _____. What is the significance of this idea for our faith?

Apply: Is the idea that God created everything, including you, a comfort to you or does it raise questions for you?

Passage #2: Genesis 2:4-25

Review: Adam was told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil - why?

Think: Why was the tree there in the first place?

Apply: Why is it that we often want the thing we are told we can't have?

Passage #3: Genesis 3

Review: A _____ spoke to Adam and Eve in the garden

Think: Did the serpent lie to Adam and Eve? Explain.

Apply: "Did God really say...." is the Serpent's key line. How do we fall victim to that line in our lives?

Passage #4: Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6

Review: Abram was _____ years old when God called to him

Think: Why was God's promise to Abraham an impossible thing?

Apply: What's the problem with promises that are too good to believe?

Passage #5: Genesis 16

Review: Who proposed the Hagar plan?

Think: Why did Sarai get mad at Hagar?

Apply: Why can it be difficult to trust God?

Passage #6: Genesis 22:1-19

Review: Ultimately, Abraham sacrificed a _____

Think: Did Abraham lie when Issac asked him about where the lamb was?

Apply: Does this story bother you? Why or why not?

Set #13

Passage #1: Exodus 1

Review: The story of the Hebrew people picks up in what country?

Think: Why did things get bad for the Hebrew people?

Apply: What is the irony in vs. 21? Has God truly forgotten the Hebrew people?

Passage #2: Exodus 2

Review: Moses _____ an Egyptian

Think: Does heading out into the wilderness sound like a good idea to you? Why or why not?

Apply: When have you made a mistake that in the end you've learned a lot from?

Passage #3: Exodus 3

Review: God declared his name to be _____

Think: Why do you think Moses tried to talk himself out of the job God had given him?

Apply: When have you been asked to do something you didn't feel you could handle?

Passage #4: Exodus 11

Review: In the last plague, God killed the _____ sons

Think: How does this event relate to the life of Jesus?

Apply: What does this passage tell you about God's character?

Passage #5: Exodus 13:17-14:31

Review: Moses led the people through a _____

Think: Who brought freedom to the Hebrew people? How did He do it?

Apply: When do you find you get impatient waiting for good things?

Passage #6: Exodus 19-20:17

Review: God gave the Hebrews _____ commandments.

Think: If you had to divide the ten into categories, how many would you have?

Apply: What does "honor your mother and father" mean to you?

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March Enrichment Activity

Topic: God's Covenant and Baptism

Due: Meeting #13

In Genesis 22, we encounter an example of God making a covenant promise to Abraham. Covenants are promises, but they are more than promises.

“So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.” (Genesis 22:14–19, NIV)

Perhaps the most common example of a covenant that we talk about is Baptism:

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism. (The Confession of 1967, 9.51)

1. In Genesis 22, who makes the covenant? How many “parties” (or “people”) are involved?
2. What does God promise in the covenant in Genesis 22? Why did God make that promise?
3. In baptism, there are three different “parties”: God, the parents or the person being baptized, and the congregation.
 - What promise does God make in baptism?
 - What promise does the individual being baptized (or the parents) make?
 - What promise does the congregation make?

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Set #14

Passage #1: Ephesians 1

Review: In Christ, we have been _____, having been predestined. (v5)

Think: Why did God choose us?

Apply: When have you done something that reflected (good or bad) on someone else? (Your family or friends perhaps)

Passage #2: Ephesians 2

Review: For it is by _____ that you have been saved, through _____

Think: Why did God create us?

Apply: How do you understand sin in your own life?

Passage #3: Ephesians 3

Review: In your own words, what is meant by vs. 10? ("His intent....")

Think: We sometimes call the church "the body of Christ". Why does that imagery make sense in light of vs. 10?

Apply: How do you know if "Christ may dwell in your hearts" ...?

Passage #4: Ephesians 4

Review: We are supposed to “ _____ with one another in love”

Think: Why is it important that we “bear” with one another in the church? (Another translation of “bear” is “put up with”)

Apply: How do you develop humility?

Passage #5: Ephesians 5

Review: We are called to live as _____ of the light

Think: What is the problem with the various things Paul lists? (And don't just say “they're sins”)

Apply: You don't need to write an answer to this, but look over the list. Which one it trips you up the most?

Passage #6: Ephesians 6

Review: Children, _____ your parents

Think: Why did Paul instruct children to obey their parents?

Apply: How have your parents shaped you? Take a look at vs. 6:4 to help you.

Set #15

Passage #1: 1 Timothy 1

Review: Paul commanded Timothy to stay and teach people not to devote themselves “to m_____ and endless g_____.”

Think: Why do people fall for myth and lies?

Apply: Why is it important that we study what the bible says is right and wrong?

Passage #2: 1 Timothy 2

Think: Why does Paul instruct men to pray without arguing?

Think: Why does Paul instruct women to dress modestly?

Apply: What do you take from this passage that applies to you?

Passage #3: 1 Timothy 3

Review: In this chapter Paul gives the qualifications for church _____

Think: Why is it important that leaders are held to high standards?

Apply: What's a leadership role you could see yourself having some day in the church?

Passage #4: 1 Timothy 4

Review: Paul commands Timothy to _____ himself for godliness

Think: Why does our faith require us to train and practice it?

Apply: How do you train for godliness **outside** of church?

Passage #5: 1 Timothy 5

Review: Chapter 5 gives instructions on how to treat _____

Think: Does how we treat one another shape how other people view us? Explain.

Apply: Why is it so easy to look down on people who are older than you? Younger than you?

Passage #6: 1 Timothy 6

Review: Paul reminds us that we can take _____ out of this world.

Think: Why can wealth become a dangerous trap for people?

Apply: What is it that you want most in life?

Set #16

Passage #1: Revelation 1

Review: I am the _____ and the _____

Think: Why did Jesus ask John to write this letter? (See vs. 19-20)

Apply: Think about a time when someone encouraged you - why was that helpful to you?

Passage #2: Revelation 2:1-11

Review: What was Jesus' complaint about the church in Ephesus?

Think: One of these letters is to a persecuted church, which one do you think it is?

Apply: Why is it so easy to slip up and stop doing something that's challenging once you've committed to it?

Passage #3: Revelation 3:14-22

Review: Because you are _____ neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Think: How can someone be lukewarm about Jesus?

Apply: Surely you've experienced discipline in your life (time outs, loss of privileges, getting your phone taken away, etc). How is discipline an expression of love? And why does Jesus talk about discipline in vs. 19?

Passage #4: Revelation 19:11-21

Review: Who is pictured as riding on the white horse?

Think: What is meant by the phrase "Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword..."? (Read Ephesians 6:17 for a hint)

Apply: Does this scene excite you or terrify you?

Passage #5: Revelation 20:1-6

Review: What happened to Satan?

Think: Who were the people who reigned with Christ?

Apply: Use your internet ability to find out more about Jim Elliot (Try googling Jim Elliot Missionary). What did you learn?

Passage #6: Revelation 20:11-21:8

Review: Death and Hades were thrown into the _____

Think: What ultimately will happen to the power of death?

Apply: Do these last chapters of Revelation make you fearful or hopeful?

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April Enrichment Activity

Topic: Faith Story

Due: Meeting #15

In the Christian tradition we ask people to share their “testimony” or “faith story” or “faith journey” or “faith statement”. Traditionally, a faith statement asks someone who write what it is that they believe, while a faith story/journey/testimony asks people to respond as to what God has done in their life.

For your final project, I want you to write either a faith statement or faith story/journey/testimony. If you’d prefer, you can write something that is a little bit of both. On this paper, spend some time writing out what it is that you believe and how God has been at work in your life.
