



TEN COMMANDMENTS
SACRAMENTS + CONFESSION

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You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor

WELCOME

You're about to begin . . .

A time in your life where every week you carve out time to have a blast learning about God through media, discussions, and relevant messages (not to mention the junk food, and crazy games!). Plus, every day you're going to be reading God's Word, where you will connect with God and grow in your faith.

My hope is that the next three years of your life will be a fun and meaningful experience, and one day be able to publicly declare the Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior!

- Mike Edge

Director of Student Ministry

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TEACHING TRUTH & TRANSFORMING LIVES

FUEL OVERVIEW

FUEL

Sunday nights from 4:00 - 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for grades 6-8

Overview

3 Year Program to dive deep into God's Word, and apply it to our lives. By the end of the program, students will have read through most of the Bible at home, and will have been taught the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism in a relevant sermon-style message.

This year (2025-2026), we are on Calendar C.

Calendar A

Read at Home

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Taught at Fuel

Lord's Prayer, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar B

Read at Home

Joshua - Nehemiah

Taught at Fuel

Apostles' Creed, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar C

Read at Home

New Testament

Taught at Fuel

10 Commandments, Confession, Baptism and Communion

FUEL FORMAT

FORMAT

4:00 - 4:35 p.m.

Students will engage in food, games, and activities that are fun and welcoming.

4:35 - 5:15 p.m.

Mike Edge will give a talk based upon Luther's Small Catechism and will teach the essentials of the Christian faith by relating it to the world around them.

Students will take notes on the topic (like sermon notes) and those will be used to study for the tests.

Videos will also be recorded and posted online so if a student misses he can easily receive the content (available on the students page on the website)

Students will have completed 100% of the Fuel notes and will show them to Mike Edge throughout the year (they will not turn them in but keep them in their workbook)

Testing

2 times each year students will be tested on what they've learned at Fuel.
Tests will be November 23 and May 3.

Homework - Reading Summaries

Students will be given reading summaries of scripture (this year: New Testament), and are to be shown to Mike Edge monthly. We are not turning anything in: reading summaries and Fuel notes will be completed but remain in the workbook to keep.

Students will purchase Lutheran Study Bible (ESV not NRSV, \$40) and optional Luther's Small Catechism (\$15)

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

INVESTMENT

Both students and parents will need to heavily invest this year.
Confirmation is NOT just another extra curricular activity -
make your faith a priority.
You're busy, so plan ahead

1

FUEL ATTENDANCE

80% attendance
6 absences allowed
throughout the year

4

SERVE

Pick a ministry to
serve - greeter, usher,
coffee, POW WOW,
chancel, events, etc.

2

FUEL NOTES

100% completed
Take notes during
Fuel. If you miss,
listen or watch online

5

SERMON NOTES

Students will attend
worship
Year 1: 10 Notes
Year 2: 15 Notes
Year 3: 20 Notes

3

READING SUMMARIES

100% completed
Due once a month

6

ESSAY

Year 3 students will
write a 3-4 page essay
on their faith story
and what they believe

SCHEDULE

Dates listed we will meet Sundays at 4pm, unless otherwise noted

Fall Semester

August 17 - Kickoff Sunday
August 24
August 31 - No Class, Labor Day
September 7
September 14 - Reading Summaries due
September 21
September 28
October 5 - No Class, Fall Break
October 12 - Reading Summaries due
October 19
October 26
November 2 - Reading Summaries due
November 9
November 16
November 23 - First Communion at 9:00am
November 30 - No Class, Thanksgiving
December 7 - Test and Reading Summaries due
December 14 - Christmas Party

Spring Semester

January 11
January 18
January 25
February 1 - Reading Summaries due
February 8
February 15 - No Class, Super Bowl
February 22
March 1 - Reading Summaries due
March 8
March 15 - No Class, Spring Break
March 22
March 29 - Reading Summaries due
April 5 - No Class, Easter
April 12
April 19 - Essay due for Year 3 students
April 26 - Reading Summaries due
May 3 - Last Day of Class, Test
May 10 - Confirmation Sunday at 9:00, No Class due to Mother's Day
May 17 - August 9: Summer Fuel

COVENANT

I Believe:

- Jesus is my risen Lord and Savior, whom I follow and trust
- Confirmation is a valuable time to grow closer to Christ

As a result, I will heavily invest in Confirmation this year, and make my faith a priority. I will:

- Attend Fuel 80% Fuel (6 absences each year)
- Complete 100% of Reading Summaries
- Complete appropriate amount of sermon notes and attend worship regularly
- Pick a ministry to serve in and I will be on time and participate when scheduled
- Complete 1 essay (Year 3 students only)

Student Name

Parent Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

FUEL NOTES

Everything we do at FUEL is designed for you -

Middle School students who are growing in their faith. We come together to play fun and hilarious games to help everyone feel welcome.

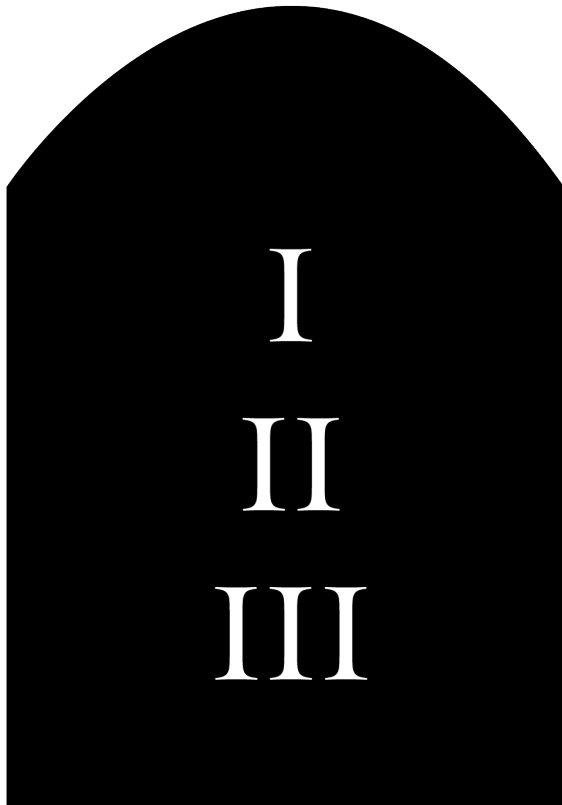
More importantly, we open God's Word together, discovering how His truth speaks into our everyday lives. This year, our focus is on the Ten Commandments - learning what it truly means to trust God through the way we live.

- Bring this workbook and your Bible to FUEL every Sunday at 4:00pm
- During the lesson, take notes
- If you miss a week, watch the video on the Students page on the website
- This is due by the following week
- 100% completion to move up or get confirmed. Show them to Mike Edge, but keep them in your workbook.

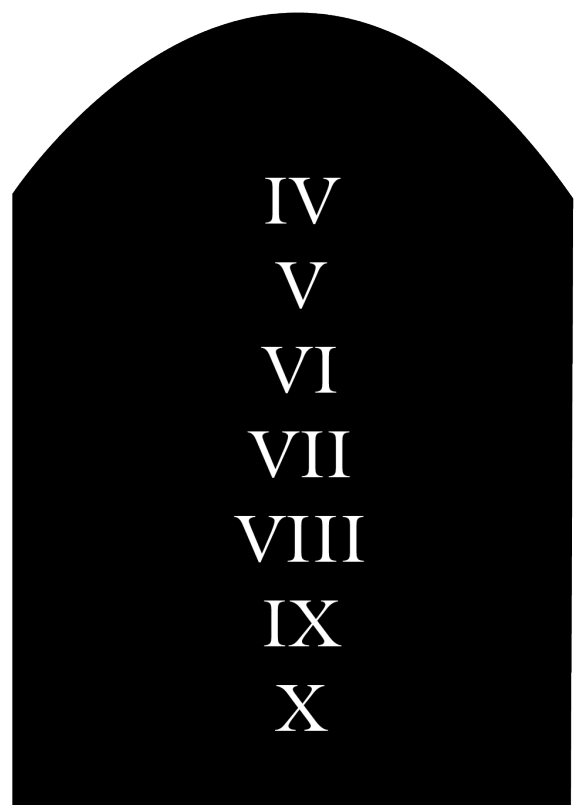
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LOVE GOD



LOVE OTHERS



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 22:37-40

FUEL NOTES #1

August 17, 2025

How To Read The Bible

1. Actually _____ It And _____ It
2. Don't Get Tripped Up On Big _____
3. Use Study _____
4. First Time Is _____
5. Second, Third, Fourth, Is God _____

FUEL NOTES #1



FUEL NOTES #2

August 24, 2025

Spiritual Gifts

Read Romans 12:3-8 (ESV) and fill in the blanks

"3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

What Spiritual Gifts actually ARE.

- They are _____ special abilities.
- They are given to every believer according to God's design and grace
- They are designed to be used in service to God and one another.

"All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." 1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)

What Spiritual Gifts are NOT

- They are not your _____
- They are not the same as your natural talents/abilities.
- They are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Why does God give spiritual gifts? "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

- To fulfill our unique role in the body of Christ
- For the _____. For the good of the entire body of Christ - the Church.

The ultimate goal of this course is not the discovery of your gifts (although you do need to have an idea of what they are); it is USING them in service to God and His people-especially those yet to know Him!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment on the Students page on the website

Scroll down and find the assessment. It should take 20 minutes, and answer quickly with your “gut” feeling. At the end, you will receive your top three gifts.

MY TOP 3 GIFTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Congrats, you now know your top three gifts!

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

The point is to not only discover your spiritual gifts, but to USE them!

Part of confirmation this year is to get plugged into a ministry and serve all year. You will be evaluated each semester on your performance (show up on time, participate, good attitude, etc). Here are some ministries to get involved in. Pick at least one on the next page.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Usher

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism

Ushers make people feel welcome during Sunday worship services by passing out the bulletins and helping seat people (especially when it's crowded). Greeters are stationed inside the sanctuary, and also in the courtyard. You will need to arrive 15 minutes prior for contemporary services, and 30 minutes prior for traditional services to help greet or pass out bulletins.

Coffee House

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism, Creative Communication

Baristas serve coffee and pastries, and handle a cash drawer. This ministry welcomes many guests, so you will need to be friendly and arrive when scheduled.

Chancel Guild

Gifts: Administration, Giving, Helps, Wisdom

Help prepare communion by filling the wine and bread, and cleaning up afterwards.

Kids Ministry

Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching, Knowledge

Shepherds assist the teacher and help the children with crafts and learning about Jesus. Middle school students can help out with K-2, Preschool, and Nursery.

P.O.W. W.O.W

Gifts: Craftmanship, Giving, Helps, Knowledge, Leadership

Produce On Wheels Without Waste is a food distribution ministry where the 1st Saturday of the month where our community can receive up to 70 pounds of produce for only \$15. You will help work the distribution lines by setting out produce and breaking down boxes.

Church Beautification

Gifts: Craftmanship, Helps, Giving, Knowledge, Administration

Help keep the church and its facilities looking good through cleaning and maintenance. This is an easy way to serve and help make our space welcoming and presentable for guests.

Monthly Family Event Helper

Gifts: Hospitality, Administration, Craftmanship, Helps, Evangelism

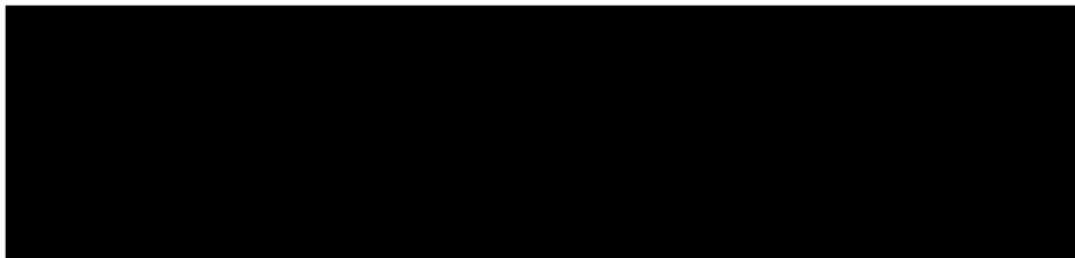
During events, help setup, participate, and clean up. Many of our events are focused on guests, so this is important to help events run smoothly.

The Ministry (or Ministries) I will serve this year: _____



SPIRITUAL

GIFTS



FUEL NOTES #3

September 7, 2025

Old Testament Recap

God Created Everything _____

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

- Genesis 1:31

Man (and Woman) Sinned Against _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Genesis 3:6

Sin Separated Us From _____

“He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”

- Genesis 3:24

God Created The Holy Nation Of _____

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing”

- Genesis 12:2

God's People Ended Up In _____

“Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.”

- Exodus 1:11

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God Rescued His _____

“Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.”

- Exodus 14:30

God Gave Them The Promised _____

“Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.”

- Exodus 1:2

God’s People Rejected _____

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

- Judges 21:25

God _____ Them

“And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. And they built siegeworks all around it.”

- 2 Kings 25:1

God’s People Returned To The Promised _____

“And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.”

- Nehemiah 2:5

FUEL NOTES #4

September 14, 2025

SACRAMENTS PART 1

Why Does God Give Us Sacraments?

_____ way God shows us He loves us

_____ from God - NOT about what we do, but about what God does

Reminder of forgiveness

What does a believer need to stay strong in the faith?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Like 3-legged stool: the more legs, the sturdier

Similar to Relationships - various ways God shows us He loves us

Words - God tells us He loves us in His _____

Gifts - God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit in _____

Physical Touch - God gives us a "hug" during _____

Point - you never have to doubt

What is a Sacrament?

1. Offers _____
2. Commanded by _____ (specifically Jesus)
3. Has a _____ element

Combined with God's Word

FUEL NOTES #5

September 21, 2025

SACRAMENTS PART 2

Baptism

Baptism

_____ = entrance into God's kingdom

Who should be baptized? _____ ages

Why?

All are sinful from birth (Psalm 51:5)

All need _____

It's not about US DOING something, it's about GOD ADOPTING into His kingdom

There is _____ in baptism

Salvation and forgiveness (Romans 6:3-5)

What is the correct method to baptize?

_____ single correct method - sprinkle, immerse, or pour

Is it OK to get baptized again? _____

Baptism is permanent, no need to re-baptize

Ephesians 4:5

Only exception - if you don't know if you were baptized

Commanded to Baptize

Matthew 28:19

FUEL NOTES #6

September 28, 2025

SACRAMENTS PART 3 Communion

What Is Communion?

There is _____ in communion, namely forgiveness
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

You are receiving Jesus' _____
(not just representation)

Confession

You need to _____ self prior

Worthy Manner

1 Corinthians 11:27 speaks of the need to recognize the body and receive in a worthy manner
If you're not repentant for a sin, don't receive communion

What is the correct method?

_____ correct method mentioned in the Bible - kneel, continuous, etc.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE



The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

FUEL NOTES #7

October 12, 2025

CONFESSION

God gave Adam and Eve _____

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”- Genesis 2:15

God also gave them a way to _____ God

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”- Genesis 2:16-17

Why? Because otherwise we’d be _____

Satan tempts Eve by doubting God’s _____

“He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”- Genesis 3:1-3

FUEL NOTES #7

Satan tempts Eve by _____ to her

“But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Genesis 3:4-5

Adam and Eve ate the _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Genesis 3:6

Result: _____ and _____

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

- Genesis 3:7

Adam: _____

[God] said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

- Genesis 3:11-12

True Confession:

I’m _____

No “but”

True Repentance

“I’ll try not to do it again”

Actively turn _____ from sin

FIRST COMMUNION

November 23 at 9am Service

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction of confession and the Sacrament of the Altar.

Edge: You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

Pastor: In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit? If so, then together answer, "Yes I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

FIRST COMMUNION

Pastor: Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life? If so, then answer, "Yes, with the help of God".

Students: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Parents, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

Church: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love towards others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Pastor walks behind altar]

Edge: We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace T be with you. Amen.

FUEL NOTES #8

October 19, 2025

Recap Jesus' Ministry

1. Sin Separates Us From _____

"For the wages of sin is death"

- Romans 6:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

- Romans 3:23

2. God Promised A _____

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

- Genesis 3:15

3. Jesus Came To _____ Us

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

4. God's People Were Expecting An Earthly _____

"Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

- John 18:36

5. Jesus Was Born In A _____

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

- Luke 2:7

6. Jesus Began His Three Year _____

"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

- Matthew 4:17

FUEL NOTES #8

7. Jesus Performed _____

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

- John 20:30-31

8. Jesus Taught About The Kingdom of _____

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

- Matthew 6:33

9. Jesus Was _____

"And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left."

- Luke 23:33

10. Jesus _____ From The Dead

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

- Luke 24:7-8

11. Jesus Ascended Into _____

"While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven"

- Luke 24:51

FUEL NOTES #9

October 26, 2025

What's So Amazing About Jesus?

**Jesus is all over pop culture!
World's largest religion worships him
So, what's so special about this guy?**

Did he just get lucky? What would you say?

Jesus was a big deal 2,000 years ago

1. Jesus Is A Big Deal Because He Is _____

The Son is the image of the invisible God- Colossians 3:15

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image"- Genesis 1:26

2. Jesus is a Big Deal Because We're _____

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,- Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.- Romans 6:23

FUEL NOTES #9

3. Jesus Is A Big Deal Because We Can't _____

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast
- Ephesians 2:8-9

4. Jesus Is A Big Deal Because He _____

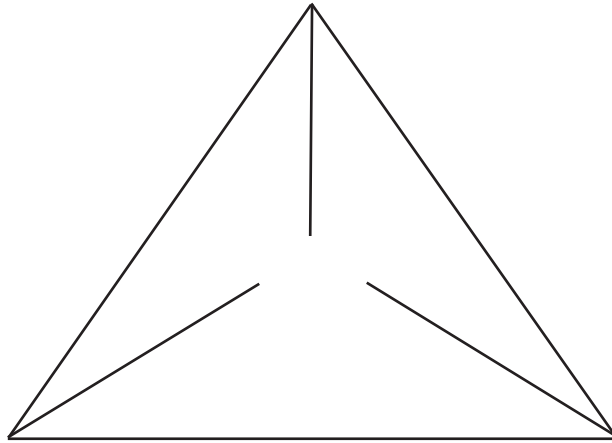
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.- John 3:16

The bottom line: Jesus wants _____!

FUEL NOTES #10

November 2, 2025

TRINITY



God is _____
3 headed monster
Change from one to the other
3 parts of God

Instead, God is _____ GOD, but is 3 _____

Like a piano chord - 1 sound, but 3 distinct notes

FUEL NOTES #10

Jesus' Baptism

_____ - voice from heaven "This is my Son, whom I am well pleased."

_____ - Jesus getting baptized

_____ - Dove sat on Jesus' shoulder

FUEL NOTES #11

November 9, 2025

God Created _____
Physical Laws
Moral Laws

God's Law Is _____ **To Prevent US From Having Fun**
"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 28:2

God's Law _____ **Us**
"Even 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."
- Psalm 23:4

God's Law Lets Us Experience Life To Its _____
"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- John 10:10

Law Vs. Gospel

Law: Shows Our _____

Gospel: Shows Our _____

FUEL NOTES #11

Three Uses Of The Law

1. _____

“They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.”

- Romans 2:15

2. _____

“David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

- 2 Samuel 12:13

3. _____

“From now on sin no more” - John 8:11

The Law Does Not _____ Us

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

- Ephesians 2:8-9

FUEL NOTES #12

November 16, 2025

BOOK OF JOHN

“In the beginning”.

Where have we heard that from?

The Word was _____ God and the Word was _____

Jesus Chases Money Changers Out Of _____

“In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.”

- John 2:14-15

Jesus Offers Living Water To A Samaritan _____

“Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

- John 4:10

FUEL NOTES #12

Jesus Raises Lazarus From The _____

“When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

- John 11:43-44

Jesus Prays For His _____

“I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.”

- John 17:9

Jesus Is _____

“There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.”

- John 19:18

Jesus Raises From The _____

“Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.”

-John 20:8-9

REVIEW TEST #1

Be able to write out the Trinity diagram

Recap on readings (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

Review Sacraments - Baptism and Communion

REVIEW TEST #1

FUEL NOTES #13

January 11, 2026

First Commandment:
You shall have no other gods.

Put God First In:

1. _____

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always"

- Deuteronomy 14:22-23

2. _____

"One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."

- Proverbs 12:26

3. _____

"And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

- Psalm 50:15

FUEL NOTES #13

Idols

Idols are anything we make _____

Worship only _____

FUEL NOTES #14

January 18, 2026

The Second Commandment:
You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God

Name Represents:

Reputation
Character
Authority

Misusing God's Name:

1. _____

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

- Exodus 12:7

2. _____

"You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."

- Leviticus 19:12

3. _____

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me,

- Isaiah 29:13

FUEL NOTES #14

Correctly Using God's Name

1. _____ God's Name Continually

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

- Psalm 29:2

2. _____ God's Name Completely

"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

- John 20:31

FUEL NOTES #15

January 25, 2026

The Third Commandment
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy

The Sabbath: Antidote to Burnout

“Sabbath” means: _____
“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”
- Mark 2:27

When Is It? _____
“One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord.”
- Romans 14:5-6

How to Keep it Holy:

1. Use the Day to: _____
“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.”
- Exodus 20:8-10

FUEL NOTES #15

2. Use the Day to: _____

a) Include time for _____

“He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.”

- Psalm 23:2-3

b) Include time for _____

“Enjoy life with the wife whom you love.”

- Ecclesiastes 9:9

c) Include time for _____

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:24-25

3. Use the Day to: _____

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”

- Psalm 95:6

FUEL NOTES #16

February 1, 2026

The Fourth Commandment
Honor your father and your mother

Why Did God Give This Commandment?

Because There Are No Perfect _____

As a Child, I Honor my Parents by: _____ and _____ Them

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”
- Ephesians 6:1

As a Young Person, I Honor my Parents by: _____ and
_____ Them

“Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother
when she is old.”
- Proverbs 23:22

As an Adult, I Honor my Parents by: _____ and
Not _____ Them

“But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show
godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents,
for this is pleasing in the sight of God.”
- 1 Timothy 5:4

FUEL NOTES #16

Extra Notes:

FUEL NOTES #17

February 15, 2026

BOOK OF ACTS

Jesus Ascends Into _____

“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

- Acts 1:9

Holy Spirit Comes As Tongues At _____

“And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance:

- Acts 2:3-4

Peter Preaches And 3,000 _____

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

- Acts 2:41

Saul Believes In _____

“Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

- Acts 9:3-5

FUEL NOTES #17

Paul Goes On A _____

“Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem.”

- Acts 13:13

Paul Preaches To _____

“So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.”

- Acts 17:22

Paul Preaches To _____

“Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

- Acts 28:28

FUEL NOTES #18

February 22, 2026

The Fifth Commandment
You shall not murder

What This Commandment Is NOT About:

1. It is not prohibiting killing _____

“Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.”

- Genesis 9:3

2. It is not prohibiting _____ .

“Anyone who takes the life of a human being is to be put to death. Anyone who takes the life of someone’s animal must make restitution—life for life.”

- Leviticus 24:17-18

For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.”

- Romans 13:4

3. It is not prohibiting going to _____ .

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

- 1 Peter 2:13-14

FUEL NOTES #18

What This Commandment IS About

1. God Says NO to _____

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

2. God Says NO to _____

“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.”

- Psalm 55:22

3. God Says NO to _____

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

- Psalm 139:13-16

FUEL NOTES #19

March 1, 2026

The Sixth Commandment
You shall not commit adultery

Super Simple: If you're not married, you can't have sex. If you're married you can have sex under one condition - with the person you're married to. Simple.

If you choose to have sex before marriage:

CONSEQUENCES

1. Risk of _____

1 in 4 high school students currently have an STD
Over 30 STD's, 5 cause are permanent

2. _____

Difficult choices

a) _____

Murder

Physical and emotional consequences

b) _____ the Child

Adds difficulty before you're ready

38% of teen moms graduate high school

Guys pay child support for next 18 years

FUEL NOTES #19

c) _____

Great option if not able to raise child
Emotionally difficult

_____ CONSEQUENCES

Sex is the highest level of intimacy

Breakups are emotionally difficult

Regret causes depression

_____ CONSEQUENCES

Breaking God's commands continually without repentance damages your heart and relationship with God

FUEL NOTES #20

March 8, 2026

Called to LOVE everyone but not AFFIRM what they do

God's Design for Marriage and Sexuality

One MAN and one WOMAN

Genesis 2:21-24

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Homosexuality and the Bible

Leviticus 18:22

"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination."

Leviticus 20:13

"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them."

Romans 1:26-27

"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Timothy 1:10

"the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine"

FUEL NOTES #20

What About Jesus???

Matthew 19:4-5

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

What To Do???

Lesbian / Gay

If you feel same sex attraction:

- Recognize it's a temptation, war against it
- Stay single
- Just because you have an urge does not mean you have to act on it
- Remember, God calls us to obedience not sexual fulfillment
- Any time you sin, repent, receive forgiveness

If your friend is attracted to same sex

- Love the sinner, hate the sin
- Speak truth in love when they're open

Bisexuality - attraction to same AND opposite sex

If you feel attracted to same AND opposite sex

- Recognize it's a temptation for same sex, war against it
- Either stay single, or get in a relationship with the opposite sex (you can be fulfilled too!)
- Any time you sin, repent, and receive forgiveness

If your friend is attracted to same AND opposite sex

- Love sinner, hate the sin (if they enter a same sex relationship)
- Speak truth in love - remind them they can be fulfilled in a heterosexual relationship that's God-pleasing

Transgender - biologically one gender, mentally identifies as another gender

Can be different than orientation (attraction)

If you're biologically one gender, but you identify with the other gender

- Seek counseling (gender dysphoria is considered a mental illness according to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual #5)
- Remember that God created you as one gender and rejection of that is sin
- Recognize that identifying as opposite gender is a temptation (Deut. 22:5)
- If you sin, repent, and receive forgiveness
- Engage in activities where gender doesn't matter
- For example, if you're a guy who enjoys fashion, it doesn't mean that you're gay or trans, it just means that you enjoy fashion

What if you're born with both male and female genitalia?

- "Ambiguity" occurs less than 0.2% of the population
- Usually one hormone level or genital is more predominant
- Seek counseling and medical recommendation, choose gender

If your friend identifies with opposite gender

- Love the sinner, hate the sin, speak truth in love

FUEL NOTES #21

March 21, 2026

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Paul Did Not Meet The _____
So, this is Christianity 101

We Are Not To Be Ashamed Of The _____
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
- Romans 1:16

Humanity Rejected _____
“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”
- Romans 1:18

All Have Sinned And It Causes _____
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
- Romans 3:23
“For the wages of sin is death”
- Romans 6:23

FUEL NOTES #21

One Man Brought Sin Into The World, One Man _____

“For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ”

- Romans 5:17

God Promises He Can Work All _____

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

- Romans 8:28

God Uses Governments To Create _____

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”

- Romans 13:1

If We Cause Others To Sin We _____

“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.”

- Romans 14:13

FUEL NOTES #22

March 29, 2026

The Seventh Commandment
You shall not steal

How Do We Steal?

1. By Deceiving _____

“(They) overcharge, use false measures, and fix the scales to cheat the customers.”

- Amos 8:5 (GN)

2. By Defrauding _____

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men”

- Colossians 3:23

3. By Defrauding _____

“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions.”

- Malachi 3:8

FUEL NOTES #22

Why Be Honest?

1. I Am Being _____

“For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps. There is no gloom or deep darkness where evildoers may hide themselves.”

- Job 34:21-22

2. I Will _____ Whatever I _____

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”

- Galatians 6:7

3. Dishonesty Damages _____

“Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.”

- Proverbs 10:2

4. God Will _____ My Honesty

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”

- Matthew 25:21

FUEL NOTES #23

April 12, 2026

The Eighth Commandment
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor

Why Do We Lie?

a) The _____ Lie - Escape Consequences

b) The _____ Lie - Impress

c) The _____ Lie - Manipulate

How to Tell the Truth

1. Tell the Truth _____

“Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.”

- Proverbs 28:33

2. Tell the Truth _____

“Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

- Matthew 5:37

FUEL NOTES #23

3. Tell the Truth _____

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

- Ephesians 4:15

The Real Problem

“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

- Matthew 12:34

FUEL NOTES #24

April 19, 2026

The Ninth Commandment
You shall not covet your neighbor's house

The Tenth Commandment
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor

Contentment is Not Based on _____

1. Learn to _____

"Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

- Philippians 4:11

2. Learn to _____

"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."

- Philippians 4:12

FUEL NOTES #24

3. Learn to _____
“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
- Philippians 4:13

4. Learn to _____
“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory
in Christ Jesus.”
- Philippians 4:19

FUEL NOTES #25

April 26, 2026
Recap of Revelation

Genre - _____

About the end times, and uses people, places, objects and colors as symbols
Example: red horse means there will be lots of blood shed

Written by _____

Vision given to him by Jesus

Purpose: _____!

In the end, God wins! No matter how hard life gets, don't give up your faith.
Heaven and hell are forever, so stay faithful.

Message to _____

Jesus commends them for their faith
Corrects them for being apathetic or allowing sin

Throne of _____

They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."
- Revelation 4:10-11

Intense _____

Seven seals, trumpets, bowls
"When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say,
"Come!" And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to
take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he
was given a great sword."
- Revelation 6:3-4

FUEL NOTES #25

Dragon = _____

Beast of the Sea = government who persecutes Christians

Beast of the Earth = false religion that looks like Christianity

“Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.”

- Revelation 13:16-18

Beasts and Dragons Are Thrown Into _____

“And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

- Revelation 20:10

Jesus Returns - _____

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”

- Revelation 20:11-12

New _____ and New _____

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”

- Revelation 21:1

Heaven = Meeting God _____

“No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.”

- Revelation 22:3-4

REVIEW TEST #2

Be able to write out the Ten Commandments

Practice it a couple times below:

READING SUMMARIES

One of the best things you can do. . .

To grow closer to God is to be in His Word. God gives us the Bible to reveal who He is and His plan to save us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also receive strength and encouragement to face the challenges of everyday life. You will read a chapter or two each day, and you will develop lifelong habits for doing a personal devotion.

Check List

- At home, read 1-2 chapters per day from the Lutheran Study Bible (ESV).
- After you have read the section, answer the questions on your reading summary. This is to help you understand what you've read.
- Write down any questions you have and bring it to FUEL.
- Once a month your progress will be checked.
- Keep the reading summaries in your workbook, do not turn them in.

MATTHEW 1-9

Read Matthew 1-9, Due September 7, 2025

Re-Read Matthew 1:18-25

Why did Joseph want to secretly call off the marriage with Mary?

What changed his mind?

Some people think that God is distant or far away (like in the clouds). But Jesus is literally God in flesh, and He was called Immanuel, meaning “God with us”. Can you think of a time when God was with you? Describe it.

Re-Read Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. Write out each of the temptations:

1)

2)

3)

When Jesus rebuked Satan, He was quoting something. What was He quoting? (look in footnotes if you need help)

MATTHEW 1-9

What are things teenagers are tempted with today?

How can you stand strong and resist temptation?

Re-Read Matthew 5:17-30

In verse 21, Jesus says “You’ve heard it said, “You Shall Not Murder”, where was this said before?

Jesus expands the implications of the commandment for murder. “Murder” is not simply killing an innocent life, but rather is about anger, hatred, and grudges. How are anger, hatred, and grudges damaging?

MATTHEW 10-19

Read Matthew 10-19, Due September 7, 2025

Re-Read Matthew 13

A “parable” is a short story that makes a point about the Kingdom of God. Jesus is trying to explain really complex things, but makes them understandable by using objects, people, etc. that everyone can relate to.

In this parable, Jesus is talking about how the environments and friends we choose can affect our faith and relationship with God. The “seed” here represents faith, and the sower plants the seeds in different places, and they have different results.

In verse 4, there’s the “path”. What is the result of the seed planted in the “path”?

In verses 5-6, the seed lands in rocky soil. What is the result?

In verse 7, the seed lands in thorny soil. What is the result?

Finally, in verse 8, the seed lands in good soil. What is the result?

The point of this story is not to teach about farming, but rather how we need to plant our faith in the good soil. Jesus goes on to talk about this in verses 18-23.

MATTHEW 10-19

Path

What is an example of someone hearing the Word of God, but not understanding it?

Rocky

How can Christians develop roots, so their faith doesn't die like this plant in the rocky soil?

Thorny

How can a negative environment or poor choices in friends affect your relationship with Jesus?

Good Soil

What does it mean to plant our faith in the good soil?

MATTHEW 20-28

Read Matthew 20-28, Due September 7, 2025

Re-Read Matthew 26:36 - Matthew 28

1. Make a list of events that happened, for example: "Jesus went to trial at the Sanhedrin"

2. Jesus was betrayed, mocked, beaten, and crucified on a cross. Yet, Christians call this day "Good Friday". Why was this day considered "good"?

3. Jesus could have ordered 1,000 angels to come down and wipe out all the people mocking Him on the cross. But, He chose to allow them to crucify Him. Why did He go through it?

MATTHEW 20-28

MARK 1-8

Read Mark 1-8, Due October 12, 2025

Re-Read Mark 2:1-4

Why do you think the 4 men and the paralytic wanted to get to Jesus so badly? (especially the man paralyzed!)

When they saw that the room was full, what did they do?

What in the world motivated them to do that? Isn't it a little extreme!

This man was desperate. He was at the end of his rope, and he needed Jesus. Have you ever felt like that before? What happened?

Re-Read Mark 2:5

What did Jesus say to the paralytic?

MARK 1-8

Re-Read Mark 2:6-12

What else did Jesus tell the paralytic? (v.11)

Why did Jesus perform this miracle? (v.10, 12)

What was the reaction of the people? (v.12)

MARK 9-16

Read Mark 9-16, Due October 12, 2025

Re-Read Mark 10:17-20

What did the young man say to Jesus, when Jesus asked him if he's kept the commands.

Do you think this person is telling the truth? Why do you think he would say that?

Re-Read Mark 10:21-22

What did Jesus command the man to do?

Why do you think Jesus told the man to do this?

How did the man respond?

MARK 9-16

Put yourself in the shoes of that man. That's gotta be really hard to sell EVERYTHING! Think about it, what if you had to sell everything you owned. If you were this man, what would you have done?

Read Mark 10:23-31

What does this passage say about the dangers of wealth and making money our idol?

Jesus told this rich young ruler to give up everything he had and sell it. Is that what Jesus is commanding all of us to do today? Describe if you think so, or why not.

LUKE 1-8

Read Luke 1-8, Due November 2, 2025

Re-Read Luke 2:1-20

Make a list of events that happened here

Re-Read Luke 3:21-22

Draw a picture of Jesus getting baptized, including the voice from heaven, and the dove. For bonus points, label each “person” of the Trinity.

LUKE 1-8

Re-Read Luke 4:16-21

This is Jesus' first sermon. What did He come to do?

LUKE 9-16

Read Luke 9-16, Due November 2, 2025

Read Luke 9:23-27

What do you think it means to “gain the whole world but lose your soul?”

Why is there a temptation to do this?

How can we avoid this?

What do you think it means to “pick up your cross and follow Jesus”?

LUKE 9-16

Have you ever faced something difficult in life?

Have you ever been made fun of or excluded because you were a Christian or did something “Christ-like?”

Read Luke 9:57-62

Many people follow God when it is convenient. Yet Jesus has an urgency here. Why do you think that is?

LUKE 17-24

Read Luke 17-24, Due November 2, 2025

Zacchaeus = corrupt

Zacchaeus was a tax collector

That means he was:

1. Thief
2. Traitor

Guess how most people treated Zacchaeus?

Wee Little Man

He was short, why do you think that's important to mention that? Do you think he was accepted by the people?

Modern Day Zacchaeus

Who are the "Zacchaeuses" today? (as in, rejected, hated, bottom of society)

Tree Top

Re-Read Luke 19:1-4

Zacchaeus was sitting on top of the tree

Why do you think he did this?

LUKE 17-24

Jesus' Response

Re-Read Luke 19:5-6

What does this say about what Jesus is all about?

Remember – Jesus was a religious leader. Why would a religious leader want to be with the outcasts???

Mutter Mutter Mutter

Re-Read Luke 19:7

Why do you think the crowd reacted like this? Honestly, would you have reacted differently?

Repentance

Re-Read Luke 19:8-9

Zacchaeus repented, which meant that he was sorry for his sins, but what else did he tell Jesus he would do?

Jesus calls Zacchaeus a “son of Abraham”. What do you think this means?

THE Mission Of Jesus

Read Luke 19:10

What did Jesus come to do? What do you think that means?

JOHN 1-10

Read John 1-10, Due December 7, 2025

A Little Background

Samaritans and Jews did not associate with each other. Why? I'm glad you asked!

In the Old Testament, Israel was once a united kingdom. But because the people disobeyed God, the nation was divided—Israel in the north and Judah in the south. The northern kingdom turned away from God first, leading to its defeat by foreign nations and its renaming as Samaria. Judah also fell, though not as quickly. This fueled resentment among the Jews of Judah toward their northern relatives for abandoning God. The Samaritans retained some Jewish beliefs, but these were mixed with foreign, idolatrous practices.

Re-Read John 4:1-6

We live in a world where water is taken for granted, but back then they did not have running water. Why do you think the drinking well was important?

In verse 6, it says it was the 6th hour (which is about noon). Think about it, if it's hot at noon, most people come out for water in the morning. What does this show about this woman, that she was getting water at noon?

Re-Read John 4:7-9

Why do you think this Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus was talking to her?

JOHN 1-10

Re-Read John 4:10-12

Jesus is wanting to give her not only physical water, but something more - what?

Re-Read John 4:13-15

How long do you think you can go without drinking water?

Physical water nourishes for a short time, but what Jesus has to offer is something more long-lasting. Have you ever experienced Jesus “fill you up”?

Re-Read John 4:16-18

Why do you think Jesus said this?

Re-Read John 4:27-30

How did this woman react to receiving this living water?

How can we tell others about Jesus today?

JOHN 11-21

Read John 11-21, Due December 7, 2025

Doubting

Have you ever known someone who was gullible and believed everything?

Is it ever OK to doubt something you hear? What's an example?

Re-Read John 20:24-25

Why do you think Thomas said that? Why did he doubt? (remember, all the other disciples saw Jesus, but Thomas hadn't yet seen).

Have you ever known someone who doubted in their faith? What did you say to them? Did they ever believe?

Re-Read John 20:26-27

What did Jesus say to Thomas?

JOHN 11-21

If you were Thomas, how would you have reacted?

Re-Read John 20:28

Look closely at Thomas' reaction. What did he say and what does that mean?

Re-Read John 20:29

Today, you are who Jesus refers to, since we haven't physically seen him. How are we blessed?

Closing Thoughts:

Even though we are baptized, and we are given faith by the Holy Spirit, there are times when we doubt. This is mainly because the enemy works hard to get us to doubt the Bible and God's promises today. Satan tempts us today like he tempted Adam and Eve by asking "Did God REALLY say that..." If ever you're doubting something, pray and ask God to give you faith to believe. Continue wrestling with it, and ask your spiritual mentors.

ACTS 1-9

Read Acts 1-9, Due February 1, 2026

Have you ever changed your mind about something? How about something big? Like you used to like Coca Cola and now you like Pepsi? Or even bigger, your beliefs on God or politics? This is a story about change.

Background:

Saul is a Pharisee (actually training to be the top Pharisee), and he goes around persecuting Christians because they believe in Jesus. We first meet Saul in Acts 7, when he gives permission to stone Stephen to death. In Acts 9, he's traveling around to persecute more Christians, but something happens. Let's find out!

Re-Read Acts 9:1-4

If you were Saul, how would you have reacted to this?

Re-Read Acts 9:5-6

How can Jesus be talking to Saul, if Jesus ascended into heaven?

How is Saul persecuting Jesus? Wasn't he just persecuting Christians?

ACTS 1-9

Re-Read Acts 9:7-9

Saul was blind for 3 days, which is a long time! During this time, he was completely dependent on others. He couldn't go anywhere without someone else's help. Saul must've been humbled, and had to re-evaluate everything. What do you think he was thinking about?

Re-Read Acts 9:10-19

What directions was Saul given by Jesus? How did they come true?

How did the brothers initially react?

Closing

This is an amazing story of someone meeting Jesus, and can't help but believe in Him. Do you have any friends or family who don't know Jesus? Say a prayer that they are able to receive Jesus into their lives.

ACTS 10-17

Read Acts 10-17, Due February 1, 2026

Opening

“The world’s major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam, are making inroads as are a variety of cults, New Age philosophies, occult activities and even traditional paganism. How do we cope with a world that knows or cares so little about the truth of Jesus Christ? Paul left us a helpful model when he visited the world center of pagan philosophy and religion—Athens”.

When we think of “idols” today, we think of a physical object that people bow down and worship. However, an idol can be anything that we put before God.

What are some “idols” today in our culture?

Re-Read Acts 17:16-17

What upset Paul about Athens, and what did he do about it?

Re-Read Acts 17:18-21

[Side Note: Epicureanism was a school of Greek philosophy that emphasized the remoteness of uncaring gods, a world governed by blind chance, the absence of an afterlife and the pursuit of pleasure. Stoicism emphasized a world determined by fate, where human beings must pursue their duty, “resigning themselves to live in harmony with nature and reason, however painful this might be, and develop their own self-sufficiency” (John Stott). The Areopagus was a hill overlooking Athens that served as the chief courtroom of the day; it was also a place to hold philosophical discussions.]

Why did these philosophers invite Paul to preach the Gospel?

ACTS 10-17

Re-Read Acts 17:22-23

What strategies does Paul employ when he begins his address at the Areopagus in verses 22-23?

In what ways does he compliment them?

Re-Read Acts 17:24-28

When Paul says he knows their “Unknown God”, who is he referring to?

Re-Read Acts 17:29-31

In verses 29-31, what else does Paul say about God? How does he introduce the concept of Jesus? What does he emphasize about Jesus?

Re-Read Acts 17:29-31

In verses 29-31, what kind of response does Paul think the Athenians should have to his message?

Re-Read Acts 17:32-34

What kind of response do they give him in verses 32-34?

Paul shares the gospel with the Athenians in a way that is relevant, sensitive and uncompromising to the truth. **What are some ways we can talk about Jesus with our friends and share our faith?**

ACTS 20-27

Read Acts 20-27, Due February 1, 2026

Background

Paul and his crew traveled 3 missionary journeys over the Gentile (Greek) world. They preached the gospel about Jesus, and many people believed in Jesus. Yet, he was not always popular. Why you ask? Well, let's find out!

Re-Read Acts 23:12-15

Why did the Jews want to kill Paul?

Summary

Paul is taken into custody by Claudius Lysias, who then sends Paul to Caesarea where he will have a trial with the Governor Felix. 2 years go by, Felix dies, and now there's Festus who sends him to Agrippa, who is king of that area. So now we pick up where Paul is standing before King Agrippa.

Re-Read Acts 25:6-12

Paul said in verse 8 that he's innocent. Why is he on trial then?

Paul here is very patient, waiting years to be on trial. If you were Paul, how would you have reacted?

Paul wants to appeal to Caesar in Rome. Why do you think he wanted to do this?

ACTS 20-27

BUT the REAL reason Paul wanted to be tried in front of Caesar is because he can go to Rome and preach the gospel. He always wanted to go to Rome, so this is his excuse to get there. Even though he will be a prisoner, he will get to go there and tell Caesar about Jesus. Pretty cool!

Re-Read Acts 27:13-20

What happened here?

Re-Read Acts 27:21-26

Paul earlier warned the Roman guard to stay away from the area the storm hit. Now Paul is standing up and giving another warning. How do you think the others on the ship received his message?

Do you think the Roman guard was more willing to listen to Paul the second time? Why or why not?

Re-read verse 23. Who visited Paul?

Re-Read Acts 27:33-36

How would you feel if you were on a boat or ship in rough water for 14 days? Would you feel like eating? Why or why not?

Re-Read Acts 27:37-41

Have you ever “run aground” because you did not seek God and trust Him to rescue you?

276 people were on board, and Paul said that all of them will survive. The crazy thing is, they all survived! How can we trust God and His promises today?

ROMANS 1-7

Read Romans 1-7, Due March 1, 2026

The first step in getting healthy is to recognize our need for healing. In Mark 2:17 Jesus said “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” The first step in Alcoholics Anonymous is to admit that one is powerless over alcohol - one’s life has become unmanageable. This lesson looks at how God sees us and what he’s done about it.

Romans 1:17 says “In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed.” That is, the gospel shows us how much God wants to make us his friends and how he’s come to see us as righteous - that is, as clean, pure, and good.

Re-Read Romans 1:18-20

If you remember back in the garden of Eden, with Adam and Eve, God created the world GOOD. But then something big happened, what was it? What did Adam and Eve do?

Why does this matter? What is the consequence?

Re-Read Romans 1:21-32

Those who decide against taking God seriously are called rebels, because they are in rebellion against God. What are the consequences (results) of rebellion that Paul identifies in the following verses of chapter 1?

Verse 21

Verses 22-23

ROMANS 1-7

Verse 24

Verse 25

Verses 26-27

Verse 28

Verses 29-32

Paul is showing us that humanity with God is wicked and evil. We reject God in many ways, and as a result we are separated from God, and we deserve hell. The Good News is that God loved us so much that He sent us Jesus to save us (Romans 4 and 5).

ROMANS 8-16

Read Romans 8-16, Due March 1, 2026

Re-Read Romans 8:18-27

In verse 18, Paul promises that in the end there will be glory. What do you think he means?

In verses 24-25, Paul talks about hope that is not seen. How can this verse be comforting to someone who is struggling?

Verse 27 talks about how sometimes prayers can be “wordless groans”. What do you think this means?

Have you ever prayed like this before? It's ok!

ROMANS 8-16

Re-Read Romans 8:28-30

In verse 28, God promises to work for the good of who?

Re-Read Romans 8:31-39

How do these words bring comfort to someone suffering?

1 CORINTHIANS 1-8

Read 1 Corinthians 1-8, Due March 1, 2026

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Paul is telling the Christians in the town of Corinth that they are immature. What does he say in verse 2 that shows they are still infant Christians?

What is the problem according to verse 3 and 4?

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

One problem is that there was a division in the church. Apollos and Paul were church leaders, and people were more dedicated to following these guys rather than God. So what title does verse 5 give Apollos and Paul?

In verse 6-9 we're given this analogy of planting. If you think about a plant, it grows in many stages. First, the seed must be planted, then watered, and then the sun makes it grow. According to verse 6, write down who did what:

I (Paul):

Apollos:

God:

This passage isn't literally about a plant—it's about faith. When someone becomes a believer in Jesus, it often takes time and the influence of multiple people sharing the Gospel with them. For example, a person might hear about Jesus for the first time and simply begin to think about it. Later, someone else might share the message again, and that's when they believe. But only God can create faith and cause it to grow. Our role is to share the Good News, even if we don't immediately see the results. Sometimes we plant the seed, and God brings it to life later, leading that person to become a Christian.

Write down 5 friends or family members who you want to be in heaven with you:

1 CORINTHIANS 1-8

Here's how to share your faith:

1. Pray for them
2. Let them know you're a Christian
3. Tell them how you became a Christian
4. Invite them to church
5. Ask them if they want to become a Christian

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 6:8

Paul warns against the things that can squash our faith. List out the sins below that can compromise our eternity. Even though all sins can be forgiven by God, some sins create a pattern and can compromise our salvation. The lesson here is to avoid these things!

1 CORINTHIANS 9-16

Read 1 Corinthians 9-16, Due March 29, 2026

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

List the spiritual gifts listed in 12:8–10

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

This is referring to the body of Christ, which is the church. In verse 13, Paul describes different types of people. Which 4 types does he say that even though we're different, we're all in the same body (church).

What are different types of people today? How can they all be in the same body?

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

According to verse 15, what member of the body might seem to be a less important part of the body?

But it's very important! How would life be harder if you didn't have this body part?

In the same way, sometimes we feel like because we're not the senior pastor or whatever, we're not as important to the church. But YOU (yes, you!) could have a bigger difference greeting someone than a pastor preaching. Never say you're "just" a volunteer! We all have different roles, but you're never less important!

1 CORINTHIANS 9-16

Re-Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

What roles in the church does Paul give?

GALATIANS

Read Galatians, Due March 29, 2026

When you hear the word “law” what do you think of?

Re-Read Galatians 3:1-5

What ways do people today try to be “good” to earn God’s approval?

A friend of yours says, “I know I’m saved because I believe in Jesus, but REALLY I know I’m going to heaven because I go to church and I’m confirmed.” What do you say?

Re-Read Galatians 3:6-9

What does it mean that “those who have faith are children of Abraham?” in verse 7?

What does that mean for us today?

GALATIANS

Re-Read Galatians 3:10-14

If we're saved by grace through faith (and not works) then why should we obey God's commands?

What would you say to someone who sins (ex: they steal from the mall), but they say "It's ok, God forgives me! I'll just say a prayer after every time"

Re-Read Galatians 4:1-7

How is being under the law like slavery?

What is the solution? (verses 4-7)

Re-Read Galatians 5:13-26

How are we to use that freedom?

What are the acts of sin? (verses 19-21)

What is the fruit of the spirit? In other words, if we TRULY believed, then how would we act? (verses 22-23)

EPHESIANS

Read Ephesians, Due March 29, 2026

Re-Read Ephesians 2:1-10

According to Ephesians 2:8-9, how are you saved?

What does that mean?

Ephesians 2:10 says that you are God's masterpiece, or workmanship. What do you think this means, how are you God's masterpiece?

Re-Read Ephesians 4:1-6

What are some reasons there can be disunity or division in a church or youth group?

EPHESIANS

What are some things Paul says here in Ephesians that remind us of the need for unity?

What are some things we can do as Christians to show this unity?

PHILIPPIANS

Read Philippians Due May 7, 2025

Re-Read Philippians 2:1-2

Out of all of the characteristics of Christ listed in those 2 verses, which one do you like the most?

Re-Read Philippians 2:3-4

Have you ever seen someone prideful or selfish? What's the most selfish or prideful thing you've seen (without giving names)?

What do you think is wrong about pride or selfishness?

Proverbs 21:4 reads: "Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin"

What do you think it means that haughty eyes and a proud heart are a lamp of the wicked?

Re-Read Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus has 2 natures:

- 1.
- 2.

And He's 100% both at the same time

PHILIPPIANS

Along those same lines, Jesus sometimes exercises:

Triumphant, victorious, powerful, etc
Think of miracles, rising from the grave, etc.

Suffering, humiliated, etc.
Think of being mocked and crucified, etc.

If Jesus had ALL the power, why do you think He chose not to use it at certain times? For example, why didn't He send angels down to destroy everyone mocking Him when He was on the cross?

Re-Read Philippians 2:12-18

It sounds easy to walk as Jesus did - humbly rather than pridefully. What are some examples of HOW we can do this.

Case Study #1

Jennifer believes in Jesus and goes to church every Sunday. However, she is one of the rudest, most prideful people you know. She even goes around bragging about how much money her dad makes and how big her house is. She says she is trying to follow Jesus' example, but wants to live more faithfully.

What do you say to her?

REVELATION 1-11

Read Revelation 1-11, May 7, 2025

Re-Read Revelation 4:1-11

Describe the throne of God.

Re-Read Revelation 6:1-2

At the end times, there is going to be a little season of intense persecution and difficult times. This time is represented with the four horsemen of the apocalypse. How is the first horseman described?

What characteristics of the second horseman is given verses 3-4?

What characteristics of the third horseman is given verses 5-6?

What characteristics of the fourth horseman is given verses 7-8?

REVELATION 1-11

The fifth seal is opened, and we find martyrs who are Christians who died for their faith. Why would someone be willing to die rather than give up their faith in Jesus?

Read Matthew 16:26. What does Jesus say?

All of these things tell us that the end times will be very difficult. But, the comfort of Revelation is that God will defeat Satan and we will be in heaven.

Re-Read Revelation 7:9-12

How many people are in heaven?

What color robes are they wearing? What symbolism do you think this means?

In verse 12, what did they say?

REVELATION 12-22

Read Revelation 1-11, Due May 7, 2025

Re-Read Revelation 12:1-6

The woman is Israel “pregnant” waiting for their savior. Who is the male child in verse 5 who will rule all nations?

Re-Read Revelation 20:7-10

What will happen to Satan?

Re-Read Revelation 20:11-14

According to verse 12, what book is used to determine who goes to heaven or hell?

How do we know our name is written in that book?

Re-Read Revelation 12:7-9

What conflict described here happened in heaven between God and Satan?

Re-Read Revelation 21:1-4

According to verse 1, what will happen to the first heaven and first earth?
What will it be replaced with?

According to verse 4 what will heaven be like?

REVELATION 12-22

According to verse 4 what will heaven be like?

Re-Read Revelation 21:7

How long does Jesus say He is coming back?

Re-Read Revelation 22:18

What warning does Jesus give for anyone who takes away from the Bible or adds to it?

SERVICE REPORTS

God gave you spiritual gifts . . .

So you can USE them, not just sit on them! This year you're going to pick a ministry (or two) and you're going to serve. Use your spiritual gifts (from Fuel Notes #2) to pick a ministry, and you will have fun helping make an impact in our community and church.

Check List

- Complete the spiritual gifts assessment (from Fuel Notes #2)
- Pick a ministry (or two) to serve in and tell Mike Edge to get you plugged in
- Each semester, tear out the Service Report and hand it to the head of the ministry you served
- They will evaluate whether you were on time, gave effort, had a good attitude, etc.
- If you were unsuccessful in serving, you will not be confirmed or move up.

SERVICE REPORT

Due December 7, 2025

Name: _____

Ministry I chose to serve: _____

[Students, carefully cut out this page and hand it to the head of the ministry you served. Below is for the ministry leader to fill out]

Ministry Leader:

Thanks for letting our confirmation students serve your ministry! You are helping them grow in their faith, and we hope they contributed in a positive way towards your ministry!

Rate the confirmation student's service:

Served when scheduled / needed:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

Showed up on time:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

Worked hard:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

Had a positive attitude:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

Contributed to the ministry:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

[Ministry leader, turn this in to Mike Edge]

SERVICE REPORT

Due May 3, 2026

Name: _____

Ministry I chose to serve: _____

[Students, carefully cut out this page and hand it to the head of the ministry you served. Below is for the ministry leader to fill out]

Ministry Leader:

Thanks for letting our confirmation students serve your ministry! You are helping them grow in their faith, and we hope they contributed in a positive way towards your ministry!

Rate the confirmation student's service:

Served when scheduled / needed:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

Showed up on time:	1	2	3	4	5
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	poor				excellent

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	poor				excellent

Contributed to the ministry:	1	2	3	4	5
	poor				excellent

[Ministry leader, turn this in to Mike Edge]

ESSAY

Due April 19, 2026 (Year 3 students only)

Format

12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced, 3-4 pages, written in a standard essay format (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion).

Discussion Questions

1. What is your faith story? As in, when did you start going to church, when did God become “real” for you, how have you grown in your faith, what challenges have you experienced in your faith, etc.
2. Why did you join confirmation? What were you hoping to get out of it? What did you get out of it?
3. Who is Jesus? How is He your friend? How is He Lord of your life?
4. What is your confirmation verse? Why did you pick it?
5. How are you going to grow in your faith during your high school years? In other words, what is your next step? List at least 3 goals for growing closer to Christ AFTER confirmation.

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 19, 2026 (Year 3 students only)

Note: You may pick your own verse, outside this list, but you must explain why it is meaningful.

Revelation 2:10 - "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Acts 16:31 - "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"

1 Corinthians 6:20 - "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Luke 11:28 - "But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'"

John 8:12 - "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 19, 2026 (Year 3 students only)

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalms 62:1-2 - "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."

Isaiah 6:8 - "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Psalms 27:14 - "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalms 25:4-5 - "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Psalms 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23:4 - "Even 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."

CONFIRMATION RITE

May 10, 2026 at 9:00am Service

Edge: At this time, we get to hear a profession of faith from our confirmation students. These young people, each baptized believers in Christ Jesus, have studied God's Word, and have learned the belief and practice of His people. They are here today to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

[Mike invites up confirmands individually, they come to the rail with their family and sponsors. Confirmand kneels and family and sponsors place hands on confirmand.]

Pastor: [The pastor places his hand on the confirmand's head and makes the sign of the cross while praying]
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing NAME to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving Name. Grant that he may continue to trust in You and follow You all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Confirmands, please stand. Let us pray. O God our Father, we praise You for gathering us as Christ's people and for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank You for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together may we live in Your Spirit and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "You did not choose me, but I chose and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit". And, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven".

CONFIRMATION RITE

Edge: Friends, Jesus Christ has chosen you, and in baptism has joined you to Himself. He has called you, together with us, into the church, which is His body. Now, He has brought you to this time and place, so that you may confess His name before me, and go out to serve Him as faithful disciples.

Pastor: NAME, who is your Savior and Lord?

Confirmand: Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

Pastor: Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word and to live in His love? If so, say, "I do".

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? If so, say, "I will".

Confirmands: I will

Edge: NAMES, you are disciples of Jesus Christ. He has commissioned you. Live in His love and serve Him always. May the Lord stir up in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, confirm your faith, guide your life, empower you in serving, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Welcome to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Go, and serve the Lord. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Confirmands, turn now to the congregation, and congregation, let us welcome them. [applause]

Pastor: You may be seated.

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