

# Confirmation: Year I

## 2011-2012

(Updated 8/29/11)

### ***With Your Mentor:***

#### **For September 25:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor for a favorite Bible passage that helps him or her understand the heart of the Christian faith. What passage best explains the way of salvation and offers words to live by?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor to share with you a recent major decision. Ask him or her to share how faith in Christ helped influence the decision and how he or she felt after the decision was made. Talk about how a strong and informed faith helps a Christian make tough decisions.

#### **For October 9:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor to respond to two questions regarding faith. What do you think faith is? What is one word that would describe your faith?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sin is the source of evil in the world, but God can and does use the bad things that happen in our lives for our good. Read Romans 8:28 together with your mentor. Ask your mentor to recount a difficulty in his or her life that God used for good. With your mentor's permission share your mentor's story at the next class session.

#### **For November 6:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor about his or her faith in Jesus. Ask questions such as, "What were you like before becoming a Christian?" "How did you become different?" "Did you change quickly?" "Has it always been easy?" "Have you ever felt like a failure as a Christian? What else could you tell us about that?" "What difference do you think it makes in you life now?" "Where do you think you will be in your Christian faith a couple years from now?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interview your mentor about ways he or she shows God to be "priority 1" in his or her daily life—at home and on the job.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contact your mentor by phone to encourage him or her in the desire to live the Christian faith. Pray with him or her over the phone, thanking God for His blessings and asking for His strength and power to help both of you to fear love and trust in Him above all things.

#### **For December 4:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Explain the difference between the Law and Gospel to your mentor. Ask him or her to tell you what the power of the Gospel has meant in his or her life.

#### **For December 18:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Read and discuss John 4:21-24 with your mentor. Talk about our great God and Savior and the privilege we have of worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

#### **For January 15:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor to sit with you at the special class on, *Sunday, January 22, 2012* celebrating *Life Sunday*. Afterward, discuss what was shared.

**For February 5:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact your mentor by phone or in person to talk about what Jesus means to you personally. Ask your mentor how his or her life would be different if he or she didn't know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make a card for your mentor completing the sentence "Jesus Is..." and adding a personal note to your mentor thanking him or her for mentoring you as a brother or sister in Christ.

**For February 26:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Write two important truths from the Second and Third Commandments. Call your mentor and share your thoughts on honoring God in worship, and in your speech and actions.

**For March 11:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Read Psalm 119:105 to your mentor. Ask him or her to describe a time when he or she was left unexpectedly in the dark. What happened? How did they feel?

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor to share his or her appreciation for life as a gift from God. Where possible, reflect upon past examples of God's goodness and protection in times of hardship or danger. Share your own understanding of God's love in Christ, and the ways He has guided your life.

**For March 25:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss what is appropriate behavior for two Christians on a date and how to avoid awkward circumstances and sexual temptations on dates.

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with your mentor opportunities to be a young man or woman of integrity in the way we regard the property and possessions of others. Pray together asking God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus for past offenses and asking for the Spirit's power to do God's will as expressed in the Seventh Commandment.

**For April 1:**

\_\_\_\_\_ With your mentor, share positive ways to defend and enhance another person's reputation.

\_\_\_\_\_ With your mentor explore together the different ways that you may be a "good steward" of God's gifts and still "make the most" of time with your friends and family.

**For April 15:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor if he or she ever took punishment for someone else. Does he or she know of someone who has? Why would you do it? Is there anyone in the world your mentor would die for? Why would anyone do such a thing?

**For April 29:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask your mentor what it means to him or her to be a "responsible church member."

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with your mentor, what makes his or her devotional life important and meaningful. Are there times when keeping a consistent devotional life is a struggle? What benefits does he or she receive from regularly turning to the Lord in devotion and prayer?

**For May 13:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with your mentor a recent local or national event involving a prominent authority figure. Was it a positive witness? Was it a negative witness? From the perspective of the Fourth Commandment, what is an appropriate Christian response to this authority figure?

\_\_\_\_\_ Share with your mentor your life's goals and plans. Invite him or her to pray with you for God's guidance, protection, and blessings as you plan—and live—your life for Him.