

## CONFIRMATION VERSE ASSIGNMENT

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

- Ps 119:105

Wow – the year is nearly half over! This means it's time to start thinking about your Affirmation of Baptism Service (i.e. Confirmation). You, confirmands, are asked to pick out a Bible verse that is meaningful to you in your life of faith. This confirmation verse assignment is aimed at helping you start to think about and then select your confirmation verse. There are two parts to this assignment. Part 1, *Listening to the Word*, is to be completed by **Feb 1, 2017**. Part 2, *Sharing the Word*, is to be completed by **March 1, 2017**.

This assignment will give you a chance to hear the Word as it has been active in the lives of God's people and a chance to find a verse that gives voice to your own faith and the way in which God has been and is active in your life.

### **PART 1: LISTENING TO THE WORD**

1. Interview **four** family members (parents, grandparents, sponsors, aunt and uncles, close family friends, etc.) of confirmation age or older. Ask them to tell you what their favorite (or a meaningful) Bible verse is and why.
2. Interview **four** church members (who aren't family members) of confirmation age or older and ask them to tell you what their favorite (or a meaningful) Bible verse is and why.
  - a. Two of the church members can be (but don't have to be) staff members or small group guides.
  - b. At least two must be other members of the congregation (don't worry – we have *really* nice members here at OSL. They won't bite – I promise.)
3. When you have completed your interviews, please turn in your interview sheet to Amy Loker. (She'll initial it, mark down that you have completed it, and give it back to you for use in Part 2)

Helpful questions to get the conversation started:

- What is your favorite Bible verse?
- What is a Bible verse that has been meaningful to you?
- What do you like about the verse?
- Why did you choose this verse?
- Is there a story from your life that makes you think of, or reminds you of this verse?
- How does this verse shape or guide your faith?

## **PART 2: SHARING THE WORD**

1. Select a Bible verse that is meaningful to you in your life of faith. You will have a chance to share this verse with the congregation during the Affirmation of Baptism Service in May. It will also be printed in the bulletin.
  - a. You are looking for a verse that is meaningful to you. This verse might give voice to what you believe or to the way in which you understand God to be at work in you and through you. Maybe this is a verse that helps you understand your relationship with God better or maybe it connects with a particular part of your life.
  - b. Be aware that there are many different Bible translations out there – some are translations and some are paraphrases. We use the NRSV in worship and here in confirmation (your student Bible is an NRSV translation). This is the version that will be printed in the bulletin.
2. When you have selected your verse, write down your verse and the reason you choose your particular verse. Turn in that information to Amy Loker.

### Helpful suggestions for selecting a confirmation verse

- Pray, pray, pray!
- Read through the Bible verses that you collected in Part 1. Are there any that stand out for you or speak to you?
- Review the Bible verses we have explored during our time in confirmation. Your student workbooks have lots of good verses in them.
- Keep praying!
- Talk to your fellow confirmands
- Read the Bible
- Having trouble narrowing down the list: sit with each verse for a few days – read and re-read it a couple of times each day; what do you hear in this verse, what about the verse resonates with you? Is there one verse you keep coming back to? One verse you remember more than others?
- Still stuck: ask Pr. Heather, Pr. Sarah, or Amy for suggestions
- Pray some more!

**PART ONE: INTERVIEW SHEET**  
*Due Wednesday February 1, 2017*

**Name:**

**Family Member 1**

Name and relationship:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Family Member 2**

Name and relationship:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Family Member 3**

Name and relationship:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Family Member 4**

Name and relationship:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Congregational Member 1**

Name:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Congregational Member 2**

Name:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Congregational Member 3**

Name:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**Congregational Member 4**

Name:

Favorite Bible verse:

Why?

**PART 2: CONFIRMATION VERSE**  
*Due: Wednesday March 1, 2017*

Name:

Confirmation Verse:

Why did you choose this verse?