

## Quest Confirmation Class

### Week 11: Worship and Sacraments

#### WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- 😊 God created us to worship Him (Ephesians 1:12)
- 😊 A lifestyle, not a ritual: Matthew 22:36-40, John 4:23-24
- 😊 Gathering together around Jesus to encourage, grow and teach: Hebrews 10:24-25

**ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP:** In pairs, discuss where these are present in a worship service, where they are present in our daily lives as a Christian and why each element is important

*Acts 2:42*

- 😊 **Prayer:** Our seeking God and being found by him (Conversation with God our Father). Prayer may be spoken, sung, or offered in silence.
- 😊 **Scripture read and proclaimed:** Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is present with us when scripture is read, heard, preached and confessed.
- 😊 **Self-Offering:** We respond to the sacrifice and love of God in Jesus by offering to Him our lives, our gifts and abilities, and our material wealth (tithes and offerings)
- 😊 **Relating to each other and the World:** Since God is concerned with the events in our daily lives, we also should be interested and concerned for those around us. There is a place in the worship services for: Confession and forgiveness, greeting each other, praying for needs and thanksgiving, confessing faith together, and sharing in the church mission together.

#### Sacraments: Physical SIGN of a covenant

##### BAPTISM

*Read Matthew 28.18-19 (The "Great Commission")*

- 😊 The church is charged by Jesus with authority to preach the Gospel, Baptize, and Teach
- 😊 In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- 😊 A covenant with God, Joined with Christ's death and resurrection through the sign of baptism, Symbolizes the washing away of sin (i.e. the water doesn't wash away sin otherwise anyone who bathed would be forgiven)
- 😊 Through God's grace (Ephesians 2:8)
- 😊 Followed by the "Reaffirmation of Baptism" (Confirmation) where you acknowledge God's forgiveness for your sinfulness, turn to him and continue in the path your parents put you on when they promised at your baptism to raise you in God's Truths.

##### COMMUNION

*Luke 22:14-20*

- 😊 Connection to the Passover (Israel leaving Egypt)
- 😊 We remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins
- 😊 We are encouraged and strengthened to continue on our faith journey
- 😊 We are connected with Jesus through the Holy Spirit
- 😊 We are connected with all believers

The Point: We are called to bring God glory with our lives. The sacraments and elements of worship are tools that draw us closer to God and help us bring him glory

## **WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS: REFLECTION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- This homework sheet
- New Testament Books of the Bible,
- any memory work or homework not completed,
- and your Statement of Faith (Completed).

**How's your Statement of faith coming?** If you need help, talk with your parents or Heather!!

**Family Time Questions** *Youth and Parents please talk about and answer together*

- Youth and Parents, what do you believe about worship and the Sacraments?
- What does it mean to worship God with your life? How do you do that?
- Youth and Parents, How do you feel connected to God during the worship service?
- Parents, share the story of your youth's baptism. Why was it important for you to have your child baptized? What did this mean for you?
- Youth, what have Confirmation classes meant for you?
- Youth are you ready to reaffirm your baptism?

***If you have any questions about this lesson, please contact Jim and I will try to answer your questions (234-8673, [jpope@fpcf.org](mailto:jpope@fpcf.org))***