

# **2024 Wesley Memorial Methodist Church Mentor Program**

## **“Flight For Christ” Confirmation Journey**

### **Talking points for conversations with your confirmand**

#### **Towards the beginning of the semester (January/February):**

- Compare your childhoods to one another’s. Name favorites, sports, dislikes. What do you like about your age now? What was the best day of your life?
- Read and discuss 1 John 3:23-24. What does it mean to love one another? How do we keep God’s commands? How do you see the Holy Spirit working in you?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Name someone you each trust and why. What does it mean to “trust in the Lord?” What are some reasons we can place our trust in God?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23 - the Fruit of the Spirit. Which of these fruit of the Spirit (spiritual qualities) are most present in your life? Which do you need the most?
- Read John 3:16. What does it mean to believe and follow Jesus? Describe what eternal life means to you.

#### **Towards the middle of the semester (February/March):**

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:27. What does it mean for the church to be “Christ’s body?” We are part of Christ, and Christ is a part of us. What difference does that make? Which parts of worship help you to feel closer to God?
- Compare your experiences at church, the ways you serve, or the changes you’ve seen throughout your lives.
- Read Mark 8:34-35. What are characteristics of current-day disciples of Jesus? What’s easy about being a disciple? What’s challenging? What are the benefits of following Jesus? What doubts or questions do you have?
- Talk about relationships with friends and parents. Share tough times in families. Name how you could love and serve family.
- Read Romans 12:9-13. What are some of the ideas here that could help strengthen relationships - with friends, family, and church?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What’s important to you about Baptism, Holy Communion, weekly worship, reading the bible, family and private prayer?
- Talk about prayer: When I pray, I think about...? I focus on prayer by...? It’s difficult for me to pray when...? A question I have about prayer is...?

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### **Towards the end of the journey (April):**

- Something I've learned and appreciate about you is...
- Some of the things I've learned about my faith in God are...
- Read Mark 10:43-45. Why did Jesus come? What did he do that was so important? How does he want us to live? What is the sign of a truly great person?
- Ways that I have served or would like to serve God include...
- Read Philippians 3:14-16. What is our main goal as Christians? How do we grow and mature as Christians? How will you live in a way that is consistent with your beliefs, values, and commitments?
- What questions/concerns do you have about being a follower of Jesus?

### **Reminders as you pray and meet with your confirmand:**

- support and nurture them throughout the confirmation journey
- pray for my student each day
- be ready and willing to listen to their questions and concerns
- get to know their interests and hobbies
- send them encouraging and/or congratulatory messages on their birthday and in anticipation of or response to other important events in their life
- provide an example of an adult Christian with an honest and maturing faith

### **Reminders of what not to worry about:**

- be perfect
- have all the answers
- have a scholarly knowledge of Scripture and Christian theology