

FAITH STATEMENT GUIDELINES

LENGTH: 2 Pages Double Spaced or 1 Page Single Spaced

WHAT TO INCLUDE: This is a faith Statement. What is a statement? A statement is, “a definite or clear expression of something”. And that is what we are looking for in this short paper. We want to hear what it is you believe. This is what YOU believe, not what Pastor Rod, Pastor Zech, or your mentors believe or want to hear, it’s what YOU believe. Try and put that into words, and then go on to explain why you believe what you believe.

Maybe you are still exploring what it is you believe, say that, and say why you are still exploring. Maybe you are certain of your belief, say that, and explain how you know. Maybe you don’t know what it is you believe, say that, and explain what you are still questioning. Or maybe you don’t believe any of this, say that, and explain why you don’t believe.

Only you know where you are at in your faith journey, and don’t think you need to have all the answers today as 9th graders soon to be 10th graders. We adults, even pastors who have been working with the Bible for years don’t have all the answers and are still growing in our faith. Where you are at in your faith life today may not be where you will be next month, year, or even years from now. But your faith is your faith, so don’t make things up just to make us smile, this is YOUR FAITH and what YOU BELIEVE.

OTHER INFO YOU MAY WANT TO USE: These guidelines may be vague, but they are meant to be. This is an open-ended paper. Talk about your faith the best way that you can. Maybe you want to share your faith in pictures, do that. Maybe you would rather share your faith statement verbally, or in a video, do that. Be creative with this too, it doesn’t have to be only a paper. **HOWEVER**, if you do take another approach to sharing your faith statement, you still need to explain why you did what you did in writing, but that can be done in 1 page instead of 2.

DUE DATE: You have all summer to get this done, and it is due **SEPTEMBER 22nd**. This will allow Pastor Rod and Pastor Zech time to review what you’ve done and set up a time to meet with you individually in October prior to Confirmation Sunday.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS! IT’S YOUR FAITH STATEMENT, YOUR FAITH STORY UP UNTIL NOW! AND WHERE YOU SEE YOUR FAITH MOVING FORWARD!