

Words for the Journey
SCC Confirmation Class Summary 11-12-17, Letters 1-3

Hello, Parents. Pastor David Stryker and Pastor William Ketchum facilitated the 11-12-17 Confirmation Class. They reviewed Letters 1, 2 and 3 of Words for the Journey: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They were impressed by all of the confirmands' eager participation and thoughtful comments! Students seemed to like the book, and also began to record their answers and ideas in their journals.

Here is a summary of the class discussion and questions. ***Parents of confirmands who were unable to attend today's class: please review the Discussion Questions with them.***

Also, at the end of this summary is a list of volunteer opportunities happening soon at SCC that the confirmands might want to participate in.

Words for the Journey Letters 1-3:

Pastor David led the discussion of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. He noted that some churches have split over this teaching, and it can be difficult to understand. He gave the following illustrations of the Trinity:

An egg, with the center of God as creator, the yolk of Jesus as savior and the shell of the Holy Spirit as comforter/guide.

Water, as described in Words for the Journey, with God as hidden groundwater, Jesus as a bubbling spring and the Holy Spirit as a flowing stream or river.

A shamrock, with its 3 petals representing each part of the Trinity.

Here are some of the confirmands' ideas about the Trinity:

A triangle, with all sides being equal

A human, with God as the mind, Jesus as the heart and the Holy Spirit as the actions

Discussion Questions: Parents of confirmands who were unable to attend today's class, please review these at home.

What is your image of God?

What is your image of Jesus?

What is your image of the Holy Spirit?

How would you explain the Trinity to someone?

What special spiritual gifts do you have?

Volunteer Opportunities: these events are happening soon at SCC. Please contact the church office at scc02025@gmail.com if your confirmand would like to help with any of these:

Thanksgiving Bag food sorting -- Sunday, 11/19/17, 11am

Village Fair -- Saturday, 12/2/17

Sunday School Christmas Pageant -- Sunday, 12/10/17

Homework and Next Meeting: Please read Words for the Journey letters 4-6:

Letter 4: Faith

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Letter 5: Doubt

Letter 6: Suffering

We will be reviewing these letters as we discuss "What does it mean to believe?" on **Sunday, 12/10/17**
at 11:30am-12:30pm in SCC's Green Chair Room.

Thanks very much to all of the confirmands for a great class!