

Personal Statement of Faith

What is a "Statement of Faith?"

• A "Statement of Faith" is a declaration of what you believe and why. You are encouraged to look to scripture and what you learned in class as you reflect on what you believe.

What's an example?

• The "Apostle's Creed" explains what we believe about our faith. There are 3 sections stating belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Within the sections it declares belief in God as Creator, the virgin birth, Jesus' resurrection, the future return of Jesus, forgiveness, the importance of the church, and our spending eternity with Him.

Why is a "Statement of Faith" important?

As we grow in our relationship with God, it is important for us to be able to explain our faith to
others as well as be sure of what we believe.

How do I write this?

- You may be as creative as you like. For example, you may take each topic we've discussed in class and write what you believe and why. Or you may tell a story from your life and then share how that shows what you believe. Just make sure you address as many of the questions at the bottom of this page as you can.
- Talk with your spouse, your friends, your pastor. Look up verses in your Bible, and pray asking God to help you know what you believe. If there is an area that you're really struggling with, that's ok to share...you are writing a statement of what YOU believe...so come talk with Joe and write out your questions.

How long does the statement have to be?

• There is no length requirement. This is YOUR statement. The idea is to state what you believe about each of the topics below. Typically, this takes a full written page or so.

Questions to guide you as you write your personal "Statement of Faith."

- What do I believe about Creation?
- What do I believe about "The Fall" or Sin?
- What do I believe about the Covenant God made with Abraham and all people?
- What do I believe about the law, or "Ten Commandments" given to Moses? Why were they given? What limits do they have?
- What do I believe about Israel?
- What do I believe about Jesus?

- What do I believe about Jesus' teachings?
- What do I believe about the Holy Spirit?
- What do I believe about the role of the church?
- What do I believe about the Bible?
- What do I believe about prayer?
- What do I believe about worship?
- What do I believe about the Sacraments?

Personal Statement of Faith Worksheet

Use the spaces below to jot down your notes on these topics

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