

# Preparing a Statement of Faith:

*The following questions should serve as an outline for writing your statement. A statement of faith is a declaration of what you believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.*

*Statements of faith should be between 650 and 1000 words long if written. However, you are not limited to a written statement of faith. Students can also choose to pursue creative mediums for expressing their faith, ex. Scrapbooks, paintings, poetry, pictures, etc. Please discuss these options with your small group leader.*

*You present your statements of faith to a small group of your peers and elders (no more than 7 people) on **May 5, 2013**.*

## **General Outline:**

- What I believe about God**
- What I believe about Jesus**
- What I believe about the Holy Spirit**
- What I believe about the mission of the church.**
- What I believe it means to be a follower of Jesus**
- Why I want to become a member of the church and follower of Jesus**

## **Questions to Guide you Through the Process**

**Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?**

**Who is Jesus? What is Jesus like? What has Jesus done? What were his key message/teachings that he wants us to live by?**

**Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit like? What does the Holy Spirit do?  
What is the church? Why do you want to be part of the church? What is the mission of the church?**

**What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Has there been a difficult time in your life that you know God helped you get through? (Examples: Illness, death or problems of someone close to you, etc.) Who has been helpful in your faith development? Why? What choices do you think you have to make that incorporate your faith into your living? What is a Christian and what do Christians hope for in both this life/world and the life/world that is to come?**