

## Family Faith Conversations Discussion Starters

## **Beginning Tips**

- Find somewhere comfortable to talk.
- Remind yourselves, "This is not a test... It's a discussion." So start out by sharing what you think about these things yourself, before you ask your son or daughter.
- Feel free to wander and explore different areas of faith with your child as you talk. Don't feel limited to discussing just the things on this sheet.
- Encourage and allow your child to verbalize what they think of these issues.

## **Discussion Starters**

- What do you remember from your confirmation instruction that has impacted your faith and life? How or why?
- Who is someone you really admire for the way they live their life of faith? What do you admire?
- What do you think it means to be a disciple of Christ?
- When do you pray? Why or Why not...
- Take a minute to share your faith... (Pretend that those in your family are people who don't know anything about Christ or the Gospel)
- How will or should confirming your faith impact your life?
- Do you see value in having family devotions? Discuss how this would work or does work in your family?
- Why do you think it's important to attend worship? Share with one another why you attend worship.

## **Save this question for last...** (Please ask these questions in this order...)

<u>Parents ask their Child</u> - Do you think this is the most beneficial time for you to confirm your faith? Why or Why not?

<u>Child asks their Parents</u> – Do you think this is the most beneficial time for me to confirm my faith? Why or Why not?

Then, as a family, discuss and decide what you think is the next step. If the next step is to confirm your faith, contact one of the pastors to schedule an interview. The interview will evaluate the youth's readiness for confirmation based on benchmarks in knowledge, attitude, and behavior for Christian life.