

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

April 11th, 2021

MONDAY: Yesterday we confirmed 3 of our youth in worship. They responded to the historic question we ask at confirmation. There is a basic assumption that most adults in the church know the answers to these questions. They are the same questions we ask at Baptism of a person or family. I invite you this week to reflect on these questions for you are part of the larger Body of Christ that forms the soil these youngsters, as seeds, are planted into. What does it mean to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

TUESDAY: Question number two for the confirmands and you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? This is a yes or no question yet begs further questions. How do evil, injustice and oppression present themselves? What do you do or have you done to resist these things?

WEDNESDAY: Question number three: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior? This is another yes or no question that begs us on. How would you explain to another what it means to confess Jesus Christ as your savior? Do I simply say a few words? Is there a lifestyle expected? What scriptures might you reference to help a confirmand understand what this means?

THURSDAY: This next question follows yesterdays: do you put your trust in his Grace? Can you name five different actions that confirm you do indeed put your trust in Jesus? This question assumes that trusting leads actions rather than an intellectual exercise of the mind. Write your five down and plan on giving them to one (or all) of the confirmands on confirmation Sunday.

FRIDAY: Last question: Do you promise to serve him (Jesus) as your Lord in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? What is the difference between confessing Jesus as Savior (Wednesday's question) and serving him as Lord? What scriptures would you draw upon? What examples of Lordship in your life can you offer a confirmand to help them understand this difference?