

Core Student Expectations:

This sheet is your key to staying on task this year in the Core.

Attendance:

It is very important that you understand the importance of attending each session the Core meets. We understand that families come first and that sometimes life is busy. If you must miss a session, we expect you to submit a summary of the week's homework assignment (book chapter) and a report of when you met with your mentor and what you did during that time. The summary and report need to be turned in the week following your absence.

Sermon Notes:

One of our primary goals in the Core is for our students to learn to listen critically to sermons/talks. It is because of this that we require our Core students to write out, in outline form, **16 sermon notes**. Half (8) should be completed by December 11. Students will turn in sermon notes to Becky.

Service Hours:

Another of our primary goals is SERVICE. In fact, we struggle putting an hourly measure on this because Christ does not call us to a certain number of hours in service but rather to a LIFE OF SERVICE. However, we do ask students to document **15 hours** of service throughout the Core year. Half (7-8) should be completed by January 8.

Scripture Memory:

These verses have been selected to help you understand the basics of the Christian faith and emphasize the importance of "hiding God's work in your heart." Therefore, you will be expected to commit **8 passages** to memory, including the books of the Bible, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.

Assignments:

Each week students will have a reading assignment from *By This Name* or from additional handouts. Students will need to complete a one page summary of each chapter or handout.

Retreat:

Attendance is required at the Core Mini Retreats. The retreat dates are October 7-8, January 6-7, and April 13-14. These will be held at church.

Organization:

Each student will be given a three ring binder to hold all of their Core material in. Throughout the year we will be giving you sheets to put into your binder. You are responsible from this point to keep things organized...please make every effort to do so. Also, each student is responsible to bring a pen, Bible, *By This Name* book, and Core binder to class. ALSO....BRING your BEST attitude!