

Core Student Expectations:

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

Attendance:

It is very important that you understand the importance of attending each session that 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 report of when you met with your mentor and what you did during that time. This report needs to be turned in the week following your absence.

Sermon Notes:

One of our primary goals in 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 13. Students will turn in sermon notes to their small group leader.

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 with your mentor throughout the Core year. Half (7-8) should be completed by January 10.

Scripture Memory/Footholds (formerly Building Blocks):

These verses (called Footholds) have been selected to help you understand the basics of the Christian faith and emphasize the importance of "hiding God's word in your heart." Therefore, you will be expected to commit 8 verses from the Footholds to memory, as well as the 10 Commandments and the Apostles' Creed. You may choose from the verses on the list in your Core notebook. Half (4) need to be learned by December 13.

Journal:

Each student will be given a Bible, a notebook, and a Rock Solid journal. This journal will be used to challenge students with the concepts we discuss in class and are broken down in each session. Each student and mentor should complete one session per week. Journals will be checked on Sunday nights but not read to protect the privacy of each student.

Mini- Retreats:

Attendance is required at the Core mini-retreats. The mini-retreat dates are October 2-3, December 4-5, and April 16-17. The October and December mini-retreats will be held at church, the April mini-retreat will be held at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp in Onekama.

Organization:

Each student will be given a three ring binder to hold all of their Core material. 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, Rock Solid Journal, and Core binder to class. ALSO....BRING your BEST attitude!