

## Mentoring Session #5

\*\*Take TWO sheets, one for the student and one for the mentor.\*\*

**Opening Prayer** Students - Please begin with prayer.

### Sharing Highs / Lows

Share your highs / lows for the week or since you last met.

### **Faith Talks**

*“Where do you go to church?”*

*“Oh, I’m a Lutheran.”*

*“Lutheran? What’s that?”*

*Behind the answer to that question is a long history of faith and tradition. Do you know what is unique and special about those who have journeyed the Christian way with the name Lutheran? What do Lutherans stand for and believe? In this conversation you will have a chance to talk about being justified by grace through faith, the central theme of Lutheran belief.*

*Take time to answer each question in writing, then take turns sharing & listening to each other as you share your responses.*

### Being a Lutheran

One person who accepts me pretty much the way I am is...

A time when I was loved and accepted by someone, even when I knew I didn’t deserve it, was...

My definition for the word *grace* (look in dictionary, if necessary)...

My definition for the word *justified* is...

To say that I am justified by grace through faith means that God...

If someone asked me, “Why are you Lutheran?” I might tell him or her that...

**Share and Listen** Share and Listen to each other’s responses.

**Scripture Talk** : *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”* **Ephesians 2: 8**

**Discuss what you think this passage means.**

### What is This?

*Martin Luther once wrote, “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” What is this? Luther draws from Paul’s writing in Romans 13:8: “Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Luther says, “Love by its very nature is ready to serve and be subject to the one who is loved. So Christ, although he was Lord of all...was at the same time a free man and a servant.”*

I feel really free when I’m...

But I don’t feel very free when...

Jesus lived his life as a servant to others. Some of the ways he served and helped others include...

One way we show love for others is by serving them. Some of the people who show their love for me by serving and helping me include...

I show love for God and others by serving or helping (who?, how?)...

### **Share and Listen**

### More Scripture Talk

*“For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”* **Romans 3: 22 - 24**

I would describe sin as...

Examples of sin from my own life include...

To be justified is to be accepted and loved just as I am by God, even though I don’t deserve it. Knowing that God accepts and loves me gives me the freedom to...

### **Share and Listen**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only – Faith Statement Start Up

*How do you intend to fulfill the promises you will make in your Affirmation of Baptism Service?*

*...to live among God’s faithful people,*

*...to hear his word and share in his supper,*

*...to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*

*...to serve all people in the example of our Lord Jesus,*

*...to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grader & Mentor Bring your Bible to the next meeting.**

### Closing Prayer

Mentors - Close in Prayer with one another.

\*\*Confirm the next meeting time\*\*