

## Mentoring Session #4

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

**Opening Prayer:** *Mentors – Please begin with Prayer*

### **Sharing Highs / Lows**

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

### **Why the Church?**

*If you have ever taken a trip with someone, you know that traveling with others can help make it more enjoyable and interesting-and sometimes more challenging. When we live the Christian life, we join others who are traveling the Christian way with us. The church is a worldwide faith community of all those who are following Jesus as the Lord of their life. May you know the joy and strength that comes from belonging to the church.*

Something I enjoy about my faith community is...

If a friend asked me, “What difference does being a part of a faith community make in your life?” I might say...

Some of the questions I have about the church are...

Here’s my own definition for the word **church**: The church is...

If I couldn’t be a part of my faith community, I would especially miss...

### ***Share and Listen***

### **Scripture Talk**

#### **Matthew 18:20**

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’*

If Jesus came in person to speak to our church this coming Sunday and told us his reasons for calling together the church, I think he might say, “I called the church together so that...”

Jesus might add, “A faith community is a healthy community if the members...”

If I said to someone, “I am really involved in my faith community,” it would mean that I...

Some ways I could (or would like to be) more involved in my faith community include...

And if he or she asked, “Why do you think it’s important to attend church regularly?” I would say...

When I get together with others to learn about Jesus Christ and worship God, I think it really helps me to...

### ***Share and Listen***

### **Small Catechism Talk?**

*The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed says, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints...” What is this? Luther explains: “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.”*

The word *catholic* means “universal”. What is universal about the church?

I would describe the “one common, true faith” as ...

### ***Share and Listen***

### **Me, The Future and My Church**

What helps you feel close to God?

What songs lead you to experience worship?

What is worship?

### ***Share and Listen***

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

Question: *Describe your relationship with God / Jesus and the church.*

**Closing Prayer** Students – Close in Prayer with one another.

My prayer as I try to live the purpose God has for me is,  
*Dear God, help me to...*

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