



## The Game Plan

**High School Students** - You are amazing for so many reasons! Life is happening so fast and you are taking on challenges and new experiences minute by minute. We are privileged to be cheering you on as God calls you to live to the fullest in every season of life (including this one)!

Amidst all the transition and change, we are convinced that this is the time for you to take the next step in your walk with Jesus Christ. We love hearing your questions, thoughts, and ideas about how to grow in your faith. Moreover, after much prayer and reflection, we have decided to build a class (*and yes, please try not to cringe at that word 'class' – we promise it will be more fun than what you might be thinking – imagine it more as an interactive Ted talk with casual conversation and snacks :)*) designed to help you explore your faith, ask questions, and to learn more about who Jesus is and His role in your life. Our hope for this class is for you to further develop your understanding of the Christian faith, examine your own faith, and make a public statement of faith with the intent of becoming a member of VPC if you choose.

Some of us have grown up in the church and we may know a lot about what it means to follow Jesus. Others of us are new to the church and we are hearing about faith for the first time. Whether you are old or new, we hope that after taking this course, you will desire to be someone who follows Jesus Christ and live a life fully committed to following Him. Our hope is that you can see more of who God is, who He created you to be, and how this plays out for our whole lives. We hope for you to develop an understanding of the Christian faith to be able to share the hope of Jesus with others and be intelligent in our faith.

We also recognize different churches have different ways that they do their new member class (i.e. sometimes called confirmation). Here at VPC, we have designed a class that consists of 5 sessions (*the first one has lunch included – get pumped :)*) and several corresponding enrichment activities taking place throughout the Spring with a final celebration Sunday where each student will have the opportunity to share a final statement of faith with the church community. At the end of the class, those desiring to become members of the church will be received into membership during worship. Those who have not been baptized will be baptized at that time.

## Tools for the trade

For this class you are going to need some things:

- 1) Your own Bible (*we can provide one for you if you do not have one*). Scripture memorization will be an important aspect of what we cover in this class (*Note: for your memorization, make sure you are using a translation [e.g. NIV or NRSV] as opposed to a paraphrase. More on that later*).
- 2) A binder that you will receive on the first day free of charge.

## Some Ground Rules (not to be 'rulesly' but to be fair for everyone)

In order to get the most out of the class we are asking that you follow through on a few requirements:

- 1) Faithful attendance at all of the classes. More than one absence without pre-approval and the individual may not be able to complete the class this time around (especially since we have just a few meetings).
- 2) All of the enrichment activities and memory work (\*) must be completed before the end of the course.
- 3) A [written/creative] Confession/Statement of Faith (this will be explained in class).
- 4) Faithful attendance and involvement within the life of the church.

To sign up for the class please email Travis ([travisk@vpc.church](mailto:travisk@vpc.church)) or Faith ([faitha@vpc.church](mailto:faitha@vpc.church)) as soon as possible!



The Road Map

Date	Room(s)	Session Topic	Enrichment Activity (to be done by following class)	Memory Work (to be done by following class)
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30am  *Prayer Partner & Student Meet Up @ Awaken Café 10:30-11am	Youth Space(s) *Parents in old upstairs youth room above Landes	1) Who is God? Teacher:  <i>The Doctrine of God (Trinity &amp; Christology)</i>	Create a timeline of your faith story	John 3:16-17 2 Verses of any Psalm
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> 9:30-10:30am	Youth Space(s)	2) What does God do? Teacher:  <i>Sin &amp; Redemption (Justification by faith, election for Salvation &amp; Service)</i>	Ask parents to share some favorite bible verses and ask why they are important to them	II Timothy 3:16-17 Hebrews 4:12
Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30-10:30am	Youth Space(s)	3) How do we know what God does? Teacher:  <i>Scripture &amp; Sacraments</i>	Visit another church and create a Venn Diagram (similarities and differences from VPC)  + Plan to show up early to next class [Bagels with Prayer Partners – 10:00am]	Romans 6:23 1 John 1:9
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30am Bagels with Prayer Partner at Awaken Café Before or After	Youth Space(s)	4) How is God represented on earth? Teacher:  <i>The Church</i>	Take Spiritual Gifts Inventory	The Apostles Creed
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:30-10:30am	Youth Space(s)	5) What kind of people should we be? Teacher:  <i>Discipleship &amp; Spiritual Gifts</i>	Sit down and listen to the faith story of at least one parent  Create Statement of Faith	Romans 12:1-2 Deuteronomy 6:4-6
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth New Members Presentation (+ Student Sunday) in 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship Services			

**\*For Parents** - On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Tina Gilbreath will facilitate a one-time parent informational meeting starting at 9:30 am in the upstairs youth room to share about how parents can best support their student(s) throughout the class. After the meeting, everyone will convene at Awaken café to introduce assigned prayer partners (an adult from VPC) to each student. This prayer partner will have the task of being available for processing the class material, praying for, and encouraging their given student throughout the entire course.