

CHALLENGE SHEET: Sponsor Night 1

Guides on the Journey

Instructions:

You are holding this **Challenge Sheet** because you missed a meeting. I have a no absence policy. Basically this means if you miss, you still put in the time on the topic like everyone else who made it! The following challenges are based on the topic of the night you were absent. It is due at the next meeting you come to (large or small group). It must be complete, and thorough. It will be given back to you if it appears that you did not put much effort into the task. I trust you will you handle this responsibly. I want no hand written work, please type your answers unless explained otherwise. Thanks.

This is the Challenge sheet for the Sponsor Meeting you missed. It has to be done WITH YOUR SPONSOR. If you sponsor is out of the area, do it by phone and email.

On-line prayer Challenge:

Go to www.SpiritandSong.com . Look for the musician, Tom Booth. And search for an audio file called Here I Am by Tom Booth. Send this link to your sponsor as well. You both need to listen to the song. You may be able to buy the song on i-Tunes, not sure but you can try.

Watch this Movie Clip: *Mr. Holland's Opus*

You will have to rent the movie. Go to the track called, It's More than Notes on a Page. It will be in the chapter selection. Answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think I wanted you to see this clip?
2. What roles in this clip connect to Confirmation? Why?
3. How might your sponsor be like Mr. Holland?

Email to Sponsors:

Ask your sponsor to think back to their Confirmation and write the answers to the following questions (Print it and turn it in):

1. How old were you? What were the expectations or requirements?
2. What was church like then? How is it different now?
3. What's one thing you like about the Church today? Or what is one thing you miss about Church today?

One-on-One Time:

The following sharing time was done together with Sponsors and Candidates. Pick a place to meet like IN AND OUT BURGER or an independent coffee shop, and bring the two handouts with you. There is a handout for Candidates and a handout for Sponsors. It's pretty simple. Follow all of the instructions, including the letter writing. Turn it all in. **Say a prayer together. You're done!**

One-on-One Time: Candidate Instructions

TAKE TURNS ASKING EACH OTHER THREE QUESTIONS:

(Candidates, ask your sponsor the following questions. Take turns.)

1. Other than work, what is something that's stressing you out right now?
(Sponsor's turn)
2. What person or people in your life influenced your spirituality the most?
(Sponsor's turn)
3. Can you name an event that permanently changed the direction of your life and also affected your faith in the some way? (End)

USING THIS PIECE OF PAPER, YOU ARE NOW GOING TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR SPONSOR:

Answer the following questions in your letter to your sponsor:

1. Why did you ask this person to be your sponsor?
2. What do you like/admire about your sponsor?
3. Right now how do you really feel about being in confirmation?
4. In what area of your life do you need support or advice?

WHEN YOU'RE DONE, READ IT TO YOUR SPONSOR.

Dear _____ : (Continue on the back)

One-on-One Time: Sponsor Instructions

TAKE TURNS ASKING EACH OTHER THREE QUESTIONS:

(Sponsors, ask your candidates the following questions. You go first.)

1. What would you be doing tonight, if you didn't have to come to Confirmation?
(Candidate's turn)
2. What are the three most time-consuming routines in your life right now? Which is the most difficult responsibility? (Candidate's turn)
3. What is the most important thing you've ever prayed for? (Candidate's turn)

USING THIS PIECE OF PAPER, YOU ARE NOW GOING TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR CANDIDATE:

Answer the following questions in your letter to your sponsor:

1. How does it feel to be asked to be their sponsor?
2. What do you like/admire about your candidate?
3. What is one valuable lesson you've learned about faith in God?
4. Why do you think it's important to be confirmed?
5. One piece of advice you'd give to your candidate about life . . .

WHEN YOU'RE DONE, READ IT TO YOUR CANDIDATE.

Dear _____ : (Continue on the back)