**Final Confirmation Worksheet – 8th Graders**

**To be completed & brought back at Individual Confirmation Session on April 23rd.**

YOUR FULL NAME (First/Middle/Last, as it will appear in the bulletin): Height:

CONFIRMATION VERSE (chosen by you):

PARENTS’ NAMES (as they will appear in the bulletin):

**INSTRUCTIONS for the following questions:** Back up your answer with at least one reference to Scripture. Note the Bible verses listed below that may be helpful as you answer the questions.

We encourage you to talk with your parents as you answer these questions. **Please bring your completed worksheet to the meeting on April 23at at FaithPoint.**

Some Key Bible Verses to help with this worksheet:

**Old Testament**

Joshua 1:9 Isaiah 40:30-31 Jeremiah 29:11-12

Psalm 51; 119:105 Proverbs 3:5-6 Micah 6:8

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Lamentations 3:20-23

**New Testament**

Matthew 7:17-18 Mark 8:34-35; 16:16 John 1:12; 3:16; 5:24; 15:5

Romans 3:23-24; 5:8 Romans 6:23; 8:1-4; 12:2 Galatians 5:1, 13

Ephesians 2:8-10 Hebrews 12:1-3 James 1:19-22; 2:14, 17

1 John 4:7-8 Revelation 3:5-6

 Also, check out [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) for quick look up of key words and passages.

  1. What does it mean to be a *Christian*? (2-4 sentences)

2. What must a person *do* to have *eternal life*? (2-4 sentences)

3. What does grace mean and why is *grace* so important? (2-4 sentences)

4. Read The Parable of the Sower in **Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23.**

a. In the Parable, what does the seed represent?

b. The different soils represent the different re\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God.

c. Who do you think the Sower in the Parable represents?

d. If you need help, see the end of this sheet

5. Rewrite the following verses in your own words:

 a. John 5:24

b. John 3:14-18

 c. Colossians 2:6-7

6. Do you think there is a difference between *believing* in Jesus Christ and being a *follower* of Jesus Christ? Explain.

**The Parable of the Sower**

The Parable of the Sower was told to the crowd that had gathered around Jesus. Jesus tells a story of a sower who scattered seeds on four different types of soil. The first type of ground was hard and the seed could not sprout or grow at all and became snatched up instantly. The second type of ground was stony. The seed was able to plant and begin to grow, however it could not grow deep roots and withered in the sun. The third type of ground was thorny and although the seed could plant and grow, it could not compete with the amount of thorns that overtook it. The fourth ground was good soil that allowed the seed to plant deep, grow strong, and produce fruit.

Jesus used this parable to explain to his followers and the disciples how there are different responses to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. The sower in the parable is Jesus and the seed is the word of God (both Jesus's spoken word and today the Bible). The hard ground represents someone with a hardened heart full of sin that hears the word of God but does not accept it. Satan is able to keep this person from growing at all. The stony ground is someone who shows interest and awareness in the Gospel, yet his heart isn't fully convicted so that when trouble comes his faith is not strong enough to stand. The thorny ground is a person who receives the Gospel but who has many other idols and distractions in life - worries, riches, and lusts, which take over his mind and heart and he cannot grow in the truth of God's Word. The good soil is someone who has heard and received the Word of God and allows it to take root and grow within his life. This person represents true salvation that bears good fruit.

Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to teach how important the state of our heart is to receiving the Gospel and how our salvation is proved by our choices and actions after hearing the Gospel.