

Student Instructions

Welcome to the School of Love

Date: September 9, 2020

Big Idea: Sin is defined as a broken relationship between me and God, me and my neighbor and me and creation. The School of Love focuses in increasing love of God, love of neighbor and love of creation.

Things to Know

- The School of love is **not** a school of memorizing the Bible, or memorizing beliefs, memorizing ideas about religion or memorizing appropriate behavior. The School of Love is about increasing our love for God, our love for our neighbors and our love for creation.
- The definition of sin is broken relationship between me and God, me and my neighbors and me and creation – see the connection?
- This year in Confirmation we are focusing on doing those three things through Scripture – each week focuses on a particular Bible passage. We will be relating Scripture to our lives each week.
- St. Augustine (who lived in the 4th and 5th century) said that any reading of Scripture that does not increase of love of God or our love of neighbor (and in 2020 we add) our love of creation, is a bad reading of scripture and we need to try again.

Centering

We want to spend a minute centering ourselves in our bodies, and for focusing on our tasks.

- Light (turn on) your candle.
- Set a timer for 1 minute
- Close your eyes, take a deep breathe, and just focus on your breathing for that minute.

Explore the Big Idea

Tonight's introduction to the Big Idea is Pastor Tim's video introducing the School of Love:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SVGhxSFpYI>.

Ponder these questions:

- *Why should the church be about more than memorizing Bible verses, or beliefs, or ideas from the past?*
- *What should the church be doing in 2020 to show people about God's love?*

Bible Study

Is found on Google Drive here's the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQyiGq8yQwzpvG18iuH9fMi4TTY-I2Iz-A_XtyPQRGimmpCw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Journal Question

Lutherans define sin as broken relationship between you and God, you and your neighbor and you and creation. Can you think of an example of a sin that would fit in each category?