

## JUNIOR INQUIRERS CLASS

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### For Review with Parents during the Week:

1. Why is it important to make sure that you are ready *before* you come to the Lord's Supper? (see *Shorter Catechism* 97)
2. What are the two *types* of questions that we need to ask to see if your child is ready to make a profession of faith?
3. How many God's are there?
4. Who is Jesus? Is he God or man or both?
5. Has Jesus always been a man?
6. What has Jesus done to save us?
7. Can you add anything to what Jesus has done for you?
8. Do you hate your sin?
9. Do you confess your sin to God and to others (even when you haven't been caught)?
10. Do you participate in worship?
  - a. Do you sing the hymns?
  - b. Do you listen to the sermon?
  - c. Do you ask questions?
11. Do you seek after God on your own?
  - a. Do you pray?
  - b. Do you read your Bible?
  - c. Do you participate in family worship?
12. Do you understand church discipline and are you willing to submit to it?
13. Who needs to make the final decision whether you are ready or not?
14. Have you read the membership vows? Do you understand them? Are you ready to take them?

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**Series:** Junior Inquirers Class: Week #5

**Title:** Making a Profession of Faith

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Review
- B. Today we want to talk about how to figure out if a child is ready to make a profession of faith.
- C. To make a profession of faith a child must have a clear understanding of the Gospel and have shown that it has made a difference in his or her life.

### II. QUESTIONS TO ASK (TO SEE IF YOU ARE READY)

- A. Questions of understanding:
  1. The ugliness of sin.
  2. Who Jesus is and what he has done.
- B. Questions of life:
  1. Grief and hatred of your sin.
  2. A desire to seek after Christ.
  3. Obedience in your life.
  4. We are not demanding perfection.

### III. THINGS TO CONSIDER

- A. Church Discipline - are you ready for a higher accountability?

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- B. God has given the authority to decide if you are ready to the pastor and elders of the church.

### IV. THE PROCESS

- A. The first thing you need to do is determine whether you and your parents think you are ready.
- B. The second thing you need to do is meet with the elders to talk about what you have been learning.
- C. The last thing that happens is you take vows before the church during morning worship.

### V. CONCLUSION

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### Membership Vows

1. Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?
2. Do you confess that because of your sinfulness you abhor and humble yourself before God, and that you trust for salvation not in yourself but in Jesus Christ alone?
3. Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to mortify your old nature, and to lead a godly life?
4. Do you agree to submit in the Lord to the government of this church and, in case you should be found delinquent in doctrine or life, to heed its discipline?