

# Small Group Questions

Small groups and individuals can use these questions to engage the content of Sunday sermons.

## STEADFAST

May 1, 2022

## YOUTH SUNDAY

The youth have been studying the word, "steadfast" all year. They have played games, engaged in team-building exercises, looked at examples of people in their own lives and people in the Bible who are great examples of steadfastness, explored personal distractions that challenge their ability to be steadfast, and finally learned new spiritual practices to help them remain steadfast when life's distractions pull them from their focus. Our high school seniors have chosen to share their understanding of being steadfast under stress, and these are their questions for you.

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. -- Philippians 1:6*

### Week 2: May 1, 2022 – Youth Sunday

#### Steadfast

#### James 1:12

#### Connect:

Who are the examples in your life of someone who has been or is steadfast?

How can our church provide the congregation and the community opportunities to grow in their steadfastness to God and to one another?

#### Engage:

Read James 1:12, 1 Corinthians 15:28, and Psalms 33:20-22

1. Have you ever played with a compass and a magnet? Did you know the magnetic pull of the magnet is strong enough to pull the needle off its course? If our lives point to God (North), what distractions (YouTube, gossip, politics) can pull our needle off its course? What are the distractions/obstacles that pull you from being steadfast?
2. One of our lessons this year involved marshmallows and toothpicks. Our youth created a bridge-like structure that a can of soup could pass under. The youth learned that the structure would be stronger if you used more than one toothpick to connect two marshmallows together. In this lesson, the marshmallows are the Word of God/scripture or prayer, and the toothpicks are the people within your community. To build a strong, steadfast faith structure, you need both: the community and the Word. How can our church provide the congregation and the community more opportunities to grow in their steadfastness to God and one another?

#### Apply

Our youth acknowledged one of the struggles of being steadfast was having time for God. Youth's schedules fill quickly, but their lives will be richer if they are intentional with their time. How can you make scheduled time for God this week?

Knowing the youth need a present supportive community to grow in their faith, how can you be a steadfast presence in the youth program and in their lives

#### Pray

Share joys and concerns and pray for one another, the church and the world.