

## **MRC Middle School Benchmarks**

### **I Belong**

- I am created in the image of God
- I have relationships with my peers and adults in the church
- I can ask questions and explore my faith
- I serve within the church
- I gather in corporate worship to sing, pray, and be nourished by the Word and Spirit

### **I Know and Understand**

- I am saved through grace alone. This is a gift from God
- God's faithfulness is shown throughout scripture and in the story of my life and the lives of those around me.
- God reveals himself through scripture and the created world
- I see the damage sin has on me and the world around me. This compels me to trust and follow Jesus.
- God's boundaries are for my protection
- I engage in faith practices such as reading the Bible and prayer so that I might know God and walk in His ways
- I am familiar with the different types of literature found in the Bible (narrative, law, wisdom, poetry, prophecy)

### **I Have Hope**

- I can trust God's provision in my life
- Even in the midst of trouble, God is sovereign
- God is making all things new

### **I Am Called**

- God's desire is for all people to know Him. I can use my gifts to serve others both in and out of church. In doing so, I share Christ with the world around me.
- God has placed me in this particular time and place for a specific purpose.