



Statement of Faith

The following statement of faith expresses the core doctrinal convictions of Teen Ranch. It is recognised that understanding and convictions regarding core doctrines develop as a disciple grows in Christ-likeness. It is expected that the following convictions will develop over time, in each volunteer, employee and director.

GOD –We believe there is one true God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, Sustainer and Sovereign Lord of all things (Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 46:4), Matthew 28:19).

JESUS- We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe He is God, the living Word (John 1:1, Colossians 1:15-20). We believe He was born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23) . He lived a sinless life, performing miracles (Hebrews 4:15, John 2:11). He died on the cross for the sins of the world and on the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father (1 Corinthians 15:3, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:4, Mark 16:19). We believe He will personally return in power and glory to judge (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11). We believe that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and humanity (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

CREATION – We believe that God created all things in the beginning and proclaimed them as “good” (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31). God created man and woman, in the persons of Adam and Eve, in His own image (Genesis 1:27). Through disobedience to God, through sin, they were alienated from their Creator. As a result of this rebellion, all people are born with a sinful nature and naturally choose rebellion against God (Romans 3:10-12).

SALVATION – We believe that salvation is the deliverance from sin and its consequences. It is wholly a work of God and His grace, and not through human works, goodness or religious ceremony (Galations 2:16, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9). It is available as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and available freely to those who put their faith in Him (John 3:16, John 11:25).

THE BIBLE – We believe the bible is God's written revelation to man, being totally inspired and infallible and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Teen Ranch is here to participate with the God of the Bible in His work of restoring His creation, principally mankind, to a living relationship with Himself. At the very least, we will share in this work in the following ways:

- 1.Worshipping and praising God, seeking His will for the Ranch in prayer and responding to His guidance in faithful obedience to Him as Lord.

- 2.Regularly running activities that teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

3.Acknowledging God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) as the authority of the Ranch to whom all Directors and Members are subservient.

Since Teen Ranch is inter-denominational and the staff come from various backgrounds, denominational and doctrinal differences will be present amongst the community.

Respectful and loving discussion amongst staff is encouraged but should be conducted in such a way as to minimise divisions and to promote harmony amongst brothers and sisters in Christ. The many different backgrounds and experiences of the staff can be a rich and challenging environment for growth provided there is genuine concern for love, truth and unity amongst us.