



# FFA CREED: CLOSE READING QUESTIONS

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# DIRECTIONS

- 1. Read the FFA creed 2-3 times. When you read it the first time, try to get a general sense of what E.M. Tiffany is trying to say and be ready to share Tiffany's 5 most important points.
- 2. During the second read, pay close attention to the words and language used by Tiffany. Why did he choose to write this in the way that he did? Pay attention to words that stand out to you and be ready to analyze why they stand out.
- 3. During your final read, connect the Creed to your own personal experiences and perspective on life. Pay special attention to the messages in this Creed that resonate with you and be ready to share why they stand out.
- 4. Answer the questions in teams of 3-4 on the next slide.

# QUESTIONS

- 1. Why do you think that E.M. Tiffany wrote the FFA Creed? What was he trying to accomplish?
- 2. Underline the 3 most important lines of the FFA Creed and provide evidence for why you think these are the most important.
- 3. The FFA Creed has been studied by millions of FFA members since the 1930's. What words and writing styles does E.M. Tiffany use to make the Creed more effective? Circle any words or phrases that are particularly impactful to you.
- 4. The FFA Creed has language that is sometimes hard to grasp on the first try. How would the delivery of the message of the FFA Creed change if more common language and writing styles were used?
- 5. In what ways does the Creed affect you? Is there a message in particular that you think is especially valuable? In your opinion, is there anything ineffective about the FFA Creed?