

**Lesson 2
Leader's Notes**

Overview

The purpose of this lesson is to consider the possibility that everything we need in life is ultimately found in God. Happiness, love, peace, purpose, and security are all qualities that are found in the lives of those who live according to the “master plan.”

As young Catholic men and women, Confirmation candidates are on a quest for identity and personal significance. As the influence of their peers increases, they continue to look to the example of their parents to guide them. However, this group is extremely sensitive to any perceived hypocrisy or inconsistency. Therefore, finding and holding up authentic models of faith (and acknowledging the consequences of following the wrong role models) is of paramount importance.

Objectives of this Lesson

1. ***Explain that what the world offers in terms of bringing us happiness will always fall short of our desires.*** Our culture identifies success with fame, power, and wealth, yet it is clear that many who achieve these things are unhappy.
2. ***We are all looking for God, and we are empty until we find him.*** Though not everyone knows it, the search for God is our most pressing need (after satisfying physical needs). The rational human soul is always reaching for the transcendent (see Psalm 42:1-2; CCC 27-28).
3. ***“Come and See.”*** The “*kerygma*,” or core message of Christianity, answers our hearts’ deepest longing as well as our most fundamental questions about life: “What is the meaning of life, and what comes after death?” In response to this simple invitation, the Savior always offers a singular invitation: “Come and see.” He is the answer (see CCC 158).