

## **CONFIRMATION SESSION: REVEAL**

### **CONTENT OVERVIEW**

After we meet someone for the first time, we typically look them up on social media. It happens with the new employee at work, the neighbor who just moved in next door, your teen's chemistry teacher, and even the volunteer serving in the same ministry at church. If we find them on social media, we may see where they work, where they went to high school, and if we, by chance, have any "mutual friends." We may look at pictures of their family, guess their age by their graduation year, or even check out things they have posted in the past. In essence, we seek to learn more about the person. Perhaps this is because we think that if we know more about them, we can decide if we would like to pursue some sort of relationship with them.

We may approach our relationship with God in the same way. While many of us have questioned the existence of God at some point in our faith journey, once we come to believe that there is a God, we can begin to know God in a personal way. Once we know God in a personal way, we find that God loves us, pursues us, and desires a relationship with us.

While it would be easier for us if God had a social media account we could check out when we wanted to learn more, God does not want us to simply know Him — God wants us to encounter Him. We may be able to get basic information about a person by looking at their Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, but we cannot really know the person if we never spend time with them.

God desires to be known and chooses to reveal Himself to us in a variety of ways, which is called "divine revelation." God's revelation of Himself to us is an invitation into a relationship with Him. For this relationship to work, however, we have to encounter God, not just know about Him. God reveals His love for us in and through Jesus, and He invites us to know and love Him in return. Loving God is what we were created to do. The more we can know and encounter God, the more we can love God and grow in our relationship with Him.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

1. In what ways has God been revealed to you throughout your life?
2. Have you ever struggled to believe that God exists? Is this something you are still struggling with or have you overcome this struggle?
3. How do you currently encounter God?