

## CONFIRMATION FAQs

- **Is my student ready to attend Confirmation?** *If you can answer yes to the following questions, we would suggest that your student is ready for Confirmation: 1) Does your student initiate faith-based conversations and questions, or respond with interest when you do? 2) Do you see evidence of your child's faith in his or her actions (reads Bible, desires to serve, and holds a deep sense of right/wrong)? 3) Does your student express an active desire to come to church?*
- **Does my student have to be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade to do Confirmation?** *Your student must be in 7<sup>th</sup> or above.*
- **I have multiple kids. Can I wait until all of my kids are the appropriate age and have our entire family experience Confirmation together?** *Absolutely! If you have more than one child that is participating, please let us know and we will help you register for both.*
- **What is the cost?** *We are asking for a \$25 donation to participate in Confirmation. This donation covers materials and the cost of the mini retreat.*
- **What do I need to bring to Confirmation sessions?** *You and your Bible (we recommend the NIV New International Version). While you are at home, snacks are always a good idea too! You'll need a laptop or TV that will access online sessions. We will furnish you with a student and a parent participant packet PDF that you will need to print or we are happy to print this for you (by request). When we have in-person Confirmation sessions, please bring your Bible, and the Confirmation participant packet (both parent and student copies).*
- **What about a Confirmation Retreat?** *Our second Confirmation Live Sessions will be a mini retreat. We'll explore more about our faith, share some fun faith building experiences, and worship. We'll also have some fun games! Parents will join us for the evening sessions, but won't have to stay overnight (unless you really want to).*
- **How will I access Confirmation material?** *Once you register for Confirmation you will be connected to our Arena database management system. The system will automatically email you the next sessions of online content when they release. We will furnish you with a student and a parent participant packet PDF that you will need to print or we are happy to print this for you (by request).*
- **Is there a small group element?** *The Confirmation content is designed as a parent and student experience. However, if you know would like to connect with other students participating in Confirmation, please contact Elley.*
- **If we want to do Confirmation with other students and parents, what do we need?** *Watching the Confirmation lessons with others is a great idea! You'll need access to on-demand sessions, your Bible, and participant materials. Snacks are always a fun treat too!*
- **What happens at Confirmation Live?** *Confirmation Live is an in-person faith experience for students and one parent. There will be games, small group discussions, and faith building activities to enhance the students Confirmation experience.*

- **Does the same parent have to do each on demand lesson and live experience?** *We recommend that, as much as possible, the same parent does the lesson with the student each week. The good thing about doing it at home and on your own time is that both parents, and even older students, would benefit from watching the lessons together. As for the live sessions, we ask that the parent who attends has already completed the lesson with the student.*
- **What is the Confirmation Conversation Review?** *It's a resource for students to help articulate their faith and to put it all down on paper. It will assist pastors in having a meaningful conversation with students. It's not a pass/fail document. Students are welcome to go back and review ideas with parents or peers. The most important thing about the review packet is that it is an expression of the individual students own beliefs. This is provided in the participant packet or in a link to be sent out after all curriculum is completed.*
- **What do the Pastor Conversations entail?** *The Pastor Conversations are designed to be a relaxed experience in which our students have the opportunity to connect with one of our pastors and share about their faith journey. The conversation serves as a chance for our students to ask questions of our pastors, and check-in regarding where they feel like they are in their faith. During this time, students and pastors will discuss the students desire to be confirmed. If the student has not been baptized, they will discuss this with the pastor.*
- **Can my student fail Confirmation?** *Nope! There is no such thing as failing Confirmation. We don't teach this course as a pass/fail experience – it is based on your/your student's participation, buy-in, and personal integrity. Students have the opportunity to choose for themselves if they are ready to be confirmed. Whatever their decision, our student ministry will support and encourage them.*
- **Does my student have to get confirmed?** *NO. If, after participating in our Confirmation experience, your student still has questions, doubts, or misgivings that is completely normal. We strongly encourage students who do not feel that they can honestly stand before the church and profess faith in Jesus Christ NOT to get confirmed immediately. Often, getting confirmed because of pressure from peers or family does more damage than good; we hope that students are honest with themselves and their families, and can choose freely whether or not to be confirmed.*