

# Revelation

Week 2 – 9/26/2021



*we are always practicing revelation*

**My 2021-22 Teen Faith Goals**

**Important** Things to do: **Set GOALS** **MON**

We NEED THEM! Statistics show that 95% of us do not have them... ARE you the 5% that does or the 95... But, not just any goals.. to start off right, they need to be "GODLY GOALS" → But why!

1. **godly goals** give me **Hope** to keep going.

I do not have the strength to endure. i do not have a goal that encourages me to **CARRY ON** **LOVE:11**

keep one foot in front of the other when you are going through **HELL** you keep on going because you definitely do not want to stay there !!!

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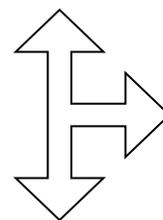
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- An uncovering or unveiling
- A sharing of self
- Trusting another enough to let them in to my world of thoughts and feelings
- Making the unknown known
- Disclosing the real me



**Definition of Self-Disclosure: Opening Up**

- Personal information about the self that is shared voluntarily

**Teen Faith is about**

- having the courage to share what we think and feel with others
- being trustworthy – making it safe for others to share what they think and feel

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What makes revealing ourselves to others risky?
- What has to happen to make our group a safe sharing place?  
A place of revelation?
- What encourages sharing? What hinders sharing?



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Things I will do to make our group a safe sharing place - a place of revelation

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## Guidelines for small group sharing

Embed these Guidelines into your brain



1. Respect privacy and confidentiality. **What is said in the group stays in the group.**
2. **Listen** carefully. Allow others to complete their sentence or thought. Be patient with one another.
3. Allow a pause in the conversation after someone shares. Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the **opportunity to consider** what was just shared before responding.
4. **Don't criticize or judge** what another person says.
5. No 'Cross Talk' - **Be considerate** of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, texting or checking your email.
6. **Don't give advice** unless another has asked for it
7. **We are not here to fix each other.** Give encouragement and speak the truth. Don't try to solve the problem or change each other.
8. Respect **silence**. People need time to process ideas and form their thoughts.
9. Give others a chance to speak. **Everyone who wants to share ought to be able to do so.** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.
10. Respect another's desire for **privacy**. No one is obligated to share.
11. Use "I" statements rather than "we" statements. **Speak for yourself**; let others speak for themselves.

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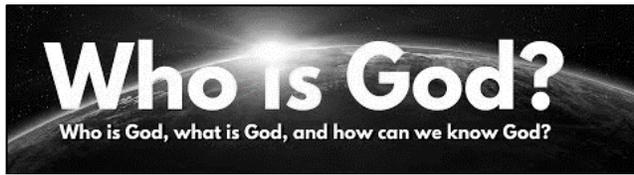
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Questions

Key Ideas for this week



# THE #TRUTHseeking

**the faith that grows out of questioning is stronger than the faith born out of blind acceptance**



**LIST**

**3 THINGS I KNOW ABOUT GOD**

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**2 THINGS I KNOW GOD IS NOT**

Good Point \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Self disclosure is part of life. We are always in the process of revealing things about ourselves to ourselves and others. Others are always revealing things about themselves to us.

2. Teen Faith is all about learning to share our thoughts and feelings with others and learning to accept the self-disclosure of others respectfully.

**3. TRUST → SHARING → GREATER TRUST**

We are all responsible for making our small group a safe place to share. Part of doing that involves committing ourselves to the Guidelines for Small Group Sharing.

4. God is self-revealing. God self-discloses because God wants to be in relationship with us and all of creation.

5. We call the gift of God's self-communication Divine Revelation

6. Catholics believe that the \*primary sources of divine revelation are the Bible and Tradition.

*\*primary does not mean only*

**The Biblical record, unfolding over the space of thousands of years, tells us that the self-disclosure of God is on-going in human history.**

The God of the Bible is a personal God who enters into unique, intimate relationships with individuals and with groups of individuals.

# Scripture

## MARK 4:22

Jesus said, for everything hidden is meant to be revealed, and everything concealed is meant to be brought to light.

## LUKE 12:2

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

What is Jesus trying to tell us through these passages?

About God?

About ourselves?

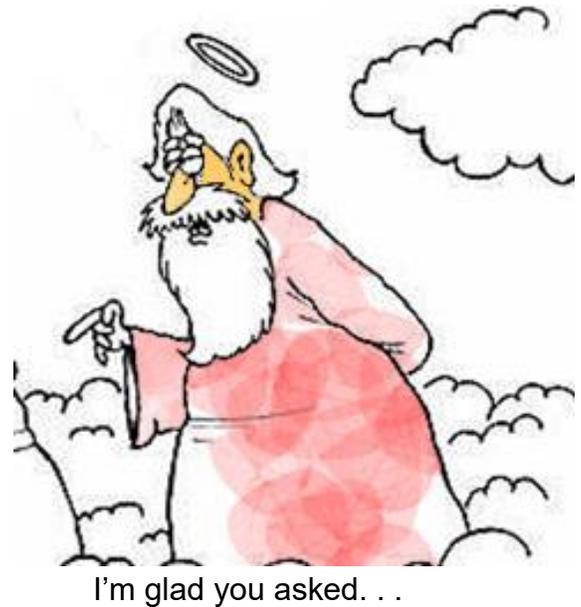
About the value of opening up?

About the future?

Biblical Revelation?

What's that?

God making himself and his divine plan known to the human race through WORDS and DEEDS in **human** history.



**I Learned Statements** – complete at least two of the sentences below

The image shows a collection of six white sticky notes with rounded corners and perforated edges, arranged on a grey background. The notes are designed for reflection and learning. The text on the notes is as follows:

- Top-left: **I discovered. . .**
- Top-middle: **I learned...**
- Top-right: **I was reminded that. . .**
- Bottom-left: **The question I have is. .**
- Bottom-middle: A small, empty sticky note.
- Bottom-right: **I was surprised by. . .**