

TEEN HANDOUT - Revelation

Week 1 – 9/19/2021



SET THE WORLD ABLAZE

welcome to ignite

hope
you're
up for it

INSPIRE
IMAGINE
INNOVATE
ENVISION
NURTURE
CREATE



things to do: Set GOALS NOW

Important

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.

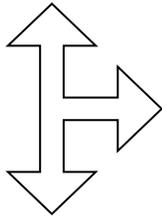
I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to CARRY ON. } *JOB 6:21*

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!!!

My 2021-22 IGNITE Faith Goals



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



Definition of Self-Disclosure: Opening Up

- Personal information about the self that is shared voluntarily
- Others would have trouble finding out this information if you hadn't told them

IGNITE is all about opening up

- 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 can do to make our group a safe sharing place - a place of revelation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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.

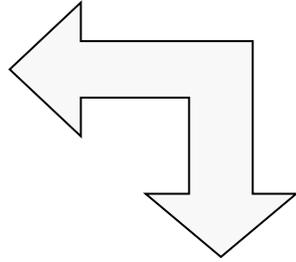
HOW can I
KNOW GOD

Key Ideas for this week



No problem

God is
self-revealing



- The Bible assures us that God wants to be known and has given us a very large body of knowledge about His nature, character, attributes, and activities.
- The Bible tells us that the self-disclosure of God is on-going in human history. This means God continues to share more and more with us.
- The Bible tells us God enters into personal, intimate relationships with individuals and with groups of individuals. This is the kind of relationship God wants with you.

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.

“The difference between Christianity and every other faith in the world is that all other religions are about humankind trying to reach up to God. Christianity is about God reaching down to humankind.”

5. Catholics believe that the primary sources of divine revelation are the Bible and Tradition.

Faith is believing
that God is
present,

The God of the Bible is a **personal** God who enters into personal, intimate relationships with individuals and with groups of individuals. God self-discloses because God wants to be in relationship with us and all of creation.

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.



Jot down one or two of your questions here:



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

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

- I discovered...** (top left)
- I learned...** (top middle)
- I was reminded that...** (top right)
- The question I have is...** (bottom left)
- I was surprised by...** (bottom right)
- An empty note (bottom middle)