

# Confirmation Discernment & Readiness Tool

## ∟ Purpose

Confirmation is a meaningful milestone where students claim faith in Christ for themselves—whether through affirming their baptism or preparing to be baptized—and commit to the church community.

This tool is designed to help you **prayerfully reflect as a family** and discern if now is the right time to begin this process—whether that means preparing for Confirmation, baptism, or both.

There are no “right” answers—only honest ones.

## ∟ Understanding Confirmation

Before reflecting, make sure both student and parent understand:

- Confirmation is **not graduation** from church.
- It's a **response to God's grace** and a public commitment to follow Jesus.
- It's about **owning your faith**—not your parents' faith, not your pastor's faith, but *your* relationship with Jesus.

## ∟ Student Reflection

*(Students, answer honestly—don't just give the “expected” answer.)*

1. Do you believe in God, and do you want to grow in that relationship?

Yes  Not sure  No

2. Have you made (or are you open to making) a personal decision to follow Jesus?

Yes  Not yet  Unsure what that means

3. Are you curious and willing to learn more about your faith?

Yes  Sometimes  No

4. Are you open to asking honest questions and wrestling with doubts?

Yes  Maybe  Not comfortable yet

5. Do you feel ready to make public promises about your faith in front of the church?

Yes  Not yet  I don't know

6. Why do you want to go through Confirmation right now?

*(Open response)*



## Parent/Guardian Reflection

*(Parents, reflect on what you're seeing in your student's spiritual journey.)*

1. Do you see signs of personal faith growing in your student?

Yes  Sometimes  Not yet

2. Has your student expressed genuine interest or curiosity in following Jesus?

Yes  Not really  Still figuring it out

3. Do you believe your student is ready to make meaningful, public commitments of faith?

Yes  Unsure  Not yet

4. How do you hope to support your student in this process?

*(Open response)*



## Family Conversation & Prayer

- Talk together about your answers.

- Share where you feel confident and where you feel hesitant.

-Pray as a family, asking God for wisdom and peace about how to move forward.

\*If you and your student have different answers or levels of readiness, take time to listen to each other's perspectives. It's normal for students and parents to see things differently. If you'd like additional guidance with this, reach out to one of our pastors or staff members—we'd love to help you discern the best next step together.



## Decision Point

After prayer and conversation, check one together:

- We believe we are ready to begin the Confirmation process.
- We're not sure yet—we'd like to meet with a pastor/mentor to discern further.
- We don't feel ready right now—and that's okay. We'd like to keep growing and maybe start with the **Student Faith Exploration Class**.