

Why are you hosting Culture Conversations?

- The purpose of our time together is to give students a space to interact with Christian perspectives on the hot button issues that our culture is throwing at them. In this season of isolation, it's really easy to lose sight of a godly perspective on things like racism, gender and anxiety, but to just go with the flow that our society and social media continues to put in front of our students. Our hope is to give students an opportunity to think through and ask questions on these relevant topics, knowing that doubt and questions are part of our faith walk. We would obviously prefer to do this in person, however we realize that this will be impossible during this season. So we will host three separate four week long mini-series on relevant topics for students on Zoom.

Can my student join?

- These conversations will be open to all 8th-12th grade students. We believe our students in eighth grade are at a place to hear about the topics in order to gain a Christian perspective that counters the culture's narrative. As often as we can we will try to keep eighth graders in underclassmen discussion groups during breakout sessions?

When will this be?

- These sessions will take place on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:15, with a 15 minute optional after if students want to remain on and discuss further or ask further questions.

Can my student come to just one of the sessions?

- We ask that students show up and come to all four discussion groups, knowing that this will allow the students to engage in the content holistically, and also develop consistent relationships with students during this time.

What curriculum will you be using?

- We will be using the curriculum we purchased through [Axis ministries](#). Each discussion will feature a 15 minute clip of a one hour video, hence the four weeks, followed by discussion groups based off of the content. Everything is provided through the axis Curriculum. We will also encourage students to follow up with more material if they have more interest on a weekly basis. These resources will be provided in the parent meeting 10 days prior to each Conversation start.

How can I as a parent engage alongside my student?

- We will have the content available to all parents on the Redeemer website (<https://redeemersd.org/axis/> password: Redeemer). You can follow along with us in the videos and engage your student with questions from the Parent's guide. Additionally, prior to each series we will host a 30 minute parent meeting about 10 days before on zoom in order to give a curriculum layout and space to ask questions.

Can my student go to this instead of a small group?

- Our purpose in hosting these conversations is not to take the place of small group discipleship, but to supplement that as the main source of discipleship in our ministry. So

if a student wants to participate in this we will ask them to commit to the four week long discussion and encourage them to remain plugged into their small group. This is why we are making the commitment only 45 minutes long for four weeks.