

Confirmation Track Interview Questions

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These are the questions our church leaders will ask you in pairs about God's expectations for how we live in the love and freedom that He has graciously given to us and who He has revealed himself to be in the Holy Scripture. Traditionally, we call these the 10 Commandments, and the Apostles Creed. You definitely need your Bible, catechism, and yellow sheets in front of you to prepare! If you need additional help, talk with others in your small group, your group leader, or watch any of the videos again. Parents and other faith mentors are encouraged to assist as you prepare for the interviews. If you have any questions about the interview or the questions below, please contact Pastor Keith: pastor@gracelutheran-tx.org, 361-573-2232.

Interview Questions (should be answered in your own words)

Note: SCQ = Small Catechism Question

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The 1st Commandment (Love & Honor God)

1. In light of the 10 Commandments how do you define freedom? (Video, Exodus 20:2, SCQ 38)
2. What are some things in your life that you are tempted to make into an "idol" (Video, SCQ 31, 32)

The 2nd Commandment (Love & Honor God)

3. What is God's Name? What does it mean? (Video, yellow sheet, SCQ 42)
4. What are the proper ways to use God's name? (Video, SCQ 44)

The 3rd commandment (Remember the Sabbath)

5. How do we sin against the 3rd commandment? (video, yellowsheet)
6. Why is practicing an active worship life important to you? (SCQ 51)

The 4th Commandment (Honor Authority)

7. Why do we honor those placed in authority over us? (video, yellowsheet, SCQ 54)
8. When can we disobey someone in authority over us? (SCQ 57)

The 5th commandment (Protecting Life)

9. What are some of the ways in which the 5th commandment is broken in our society today? (Video)
10. Knowing how important life is to God, how will others observe you showing it in your own life? (SCQ 60)

The 6th commandment (Honor Marriage)

11. What does God require of married as well as single people? (Video, SCQ 68)
12. How does the 6th commandment prepare you for dating and marriage? (Video, yellowsheet)

The 7th Commandment (Protecting Property)

13. What are we taught is the opposite of stealing? (yellowsheet, Ephesians 4:28)
14. What are non-material things that can be stolen from a person? (yellowsheet, video)

The 8th commandment (Protecting Reputations)

15. What has God done to help our reputations? How does this affect the way I care for other people's reputations? (video, yellowsheet)
16. What are some of the practical ways you can stop the evil of gossip? (SCQ 84)

The 9th and 10th Commandments (Contentment)

17. What is coveting? (SCQ 88)
18. What kinds of things do people often covet today? (worksheet)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The Apostles' Creed and the Trinity

1. Who are the three persons of the Trinity, and what does the Apostles' Creed teach us about each of them? (SCQ 109, video, yellowsheet)
2. Explain the Trinity in your own words. You can use an object or illustration if you find it helpful. (SCQ 110)
3. Be ready to recite the entire **Apostles' Creed** from memory. (found between SCQ 102 and 103.)

The First Article of the Creed: God the Father, Creator

4. Give an example from nature of something that is made by intelligent design. (video, yellowsheet)
5. Give your response to a person who says, "You can't be a true scientist and believe in God!"
6. Be ready to share **Hebrews 11:3** from memory and explain what the verse means in your own words.
7. It can be easy to doubt God's fatherly goodness when bad things happen. Give your response to someone who asks, "Is there a God? Because if there was, wouldn't he take better care of humans and not let disasters and disease hurt innocent people?" (video, yellowsheet, SCQ 134)

The Second Article of the Creed: God the Son, Redeemer

8. Is Jesus God or human? Explain your answer, and why it matters to Christians today. (SCQ 151 and 153, videos, yellowsheet)
9. Explain the error in this statement: "Jesus is just like every other religious teacher - he was a nice guy who said nice things, but in the end he was just another man." (videos, Small Catechism *Explanation of the Second Article*, found between questions 161 and 162).
10. Be ready to share **2 Corinthians 5:21** from memory and explain the concept of the "Great Exchange." You can use an object or illustration if you find it helpful. (videos)
11. Be ready to share at least one piece of evidence that confirms the reality of Jesus' death and resurrection. (SCQ 181, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11 and 16-22)

The Third Article of the Creed: God the Spirit, Sanctifier

12. Explain this statement: "Faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit, not something we choose on our own." Be ready to share the **Explanation of the Third Article (Part 1)** from memory. (between SCQ 185 and 186)
13. Name at least three *fruits of the Spirit*. Which fruits of the Spirit has God given to you? (video, yellowsheet, Galatians 5:22-23)
14. God has given you specific *spiritual gifts*. How can you put at least one of those gifts into action to help others? (video, yellowsheet, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

The Third Article of the Creed: God the Spirit, The Church

15. What is the Holy Christian Church? (video, SCQ 202) How does one become and remain a part of the Church? (video, yellowsheet, SCQ 186)
16. How important is your church to you? How important are you to your Church?
17. Explain the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. (video, yellowsheet)
18. Are you sure that you have eternal life? Why? (please state in your own words)