



Calvary Baptist Church

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Family Worship Guide

New City

Catechism

Q11: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. It is expected that parents will be teaching their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

What is a catechism?

Catechisms are teaching tools. Since ancient times these tools have been used to instruct those who are young in the faith and to remind the more mature of the essential truths they believe.

Catechisms work through a series of questions and prewritten answers. Answers that are derived through what Scripture says. Each week we will examine ONE question and its answer from the New City Catechism. You will be encouraged to memorize the question and response as we work through the biblical support for the answer. (If children can memorize it and recite it to Tim in the office on Sunday, they may get a surprise!)

For more resources related to the catechism, follow the QR code.



MONDAY

Read Exodus 20:13-15

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week

Discuss

Short and not-so-sweet.

In these three commands, in only thirteen words, God directs the vast majority of our lives. These may seem easy, but what they entail touches every part of our lives.

These laws command not only that we avoid doing certain things, but that we actually do the opposite of them! To not murder means that we actually have to love and seek the wellbeing of others. To not commit adultery means that we truly love and respect each individual around us as an equal image bearer of God. To not steal means that we must be generous and giving seeking to meet the needs of others.

None of us are able to meet these requirements. We don't love each other as we ought. We don't care for one another as we ought. We don't respect one another as we ought. And all of this demonstrates that we love ourselves more than the God who gave the law.

Though we cannot keep the law, there was one who did. Jesus Christ was perfect where we fail. In Him the law was made perfect, and through faith in Him we are able to follow Him in righteousness.

Discussion Questions

- How do you think the Law applies to your life today?
- In what ways have you failed to keep the law?
- How did Christ fulfill the law for us?

Sing

His Robes For Mine
Chris Anderson

Pray

Confess the ways in which you have fallen short of these laws.

HIS ROBES FOR MINE

His robes for mine, O wonderful exchange
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified
In Christ I live, for in my place He died

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone
(Sing that verse again)

His robes for mine, O wonderful exchange
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified
In Christ I live, for in my place He died

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise, my all (isn't it true?) Shall be for Christ alone

His robes for mine, what cause have I for dread? (None)
God's daunting law, Christ mastered in my stead (perfectly opened)
Faultless, I stand with righteous works not mine
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone

His robes for mine, God's justice is appeased (can you believe that?)
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own (no, it's not)
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone

His robes for mine, such anguish none can know
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe (it should've been us)
He, as though I, accursed and left alone
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love (such love), my life is not my own
My praise, my all ("my praise, my all, " sing that)

My praise, my all (sing one more time)
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone



TUESDAY

Read Matthew 5:22-26

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (try to memorize it)

Discuss

“ You shall not murder.” (Exodus 22:13)

Seems like an easy enough command, right? You and I don't go down the street trying to break this command. Even if someone truly sins against you, and you are truly hurt and angry, the thought of committing murder is as distant as can be.

What Jesus tells us though, is that this command, like all commands, is about the heart.

To hate someone in your heart, is the same in the eyes of God as having murdered them. To scream at your sibling and call them mean names is the makes you guilty of this command. If that is the standard, then we have all been found guilty of breaking this command at some point.

“that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love.” (From the catechism this week). This command means that we truly love our enemies. That even those who have done everything to deserve our anger, instead receive our patience, peace, and love. When others sin against us, rather than holding onto bitterness, we remember how much God has forgiven us and in turn forgive others.

Discussion Questions

- Do you think of anger as being this serious?
- How do the words of Christ make you think about your own heart?
- What causes us to love those who have hurt us?

Sing

Here is Love

William Rees, Matt Giles, and Vell
Rives

Pray

Thank God for loving
you when you were
unlovely

HERE IS LOVE

VERSE 1:

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

VERSE 2:

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

VERSE 3:

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

VERSE 4:

That same love beyond all measure,
Mocked and slain by hateful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection
And can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages,
Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
Calling home His Father's children,
Holding forth His wounded hands.

VERSE 5

Here is love, vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined



WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 5:27-30

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (try to memorize it)

Discuss

Adultery.

Always a fun topic. The thought of it causes our skin to crawl. Such a grievous sin, and yet the pages of Scripture and history are filled with men and women who have violated this command and have found their lives ruined by it. David, the woman at the well, and the aptly named “woman caught in adultery.”

“He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself” Proverbs 6:32. Adultery destroys a persons life. It demonstrates a sinful heart that is open rebellion to God and hates those around them.

But Jesus shows us that this command considers far more than simply the mere act of committing adultery. Lust too is considered adultery. To look upon another person with lust in your heart is the same thing in the eyes of God as having actually acted on that lust.

Rather than looking upon others in a degrading manner, Christians are to look upon them as fellow image bearers. Those made in the image of God who are also called to worship Him. We understand that whatever pleasure we could experience with this person, is nothing compared to the pleasure of worshipping God together with them for all eternity. Because we love God and love His people, we flee from all that degrades Him or His image.

Discussion Questions

- Do you give others the respect that this command requires?
- Have you kept this law perfectly?
- Rather than lustful thoughts, what should we strive to think about when we see another person?

Sing

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Dawn Rogers

Pray

Pray that God would
give you eyes to see
other people how you
ought to

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Verse 1:

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2:

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Verse 3:

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

Chorus2x



THURSDAY

Read Ephesians 4:17-32

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (quiz each other and yourself to see if you have it memorized)

Discuss

“He who steals must steal no longer, but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”

Stealing is wrong. When someone steals, it reveals much of their heart. It shows a disregard for the needs of others, that those who own that property are less deserving than you. It shows that you think yourself better than others, deserving of that which God has not given you. It reveals lack of discipline to work well for whatever it is that was stolen. It shows a lack of trust in God to provide for you every good thing as He has promised. It shows a lack of thankfulness to God, that you believe God has not given you as deserve even though He has already offered the gift of eternal life through the shedding of the blood of His Son upon the cross.

To steal is so much more than to merely take what is not yours. It is a matter of worshipping God.

Christians must look at our hearts. Nothing in this world can give us the pleasure that God has promised us in Himself. Let us store up treasures with Him rather than stealing them here.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever stolen something, no matter how small?
- What were you thinking about God when you stole that?
- What about God causes us to not steal?

Sing

*How Sweet and Awful is the
Place*
Isaac Watts

Pray

Thank God for giving
you greater blessings
than you could ever find
here on earth.

HOW SWEET AND AWFUL IS THE PLACE

VERSE 1

How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores

VERSE 2

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cry with thankful tongues
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

VERSE 3

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice
And enter while there’s room
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come?”

VERSE 4

’Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste
And perished in our sin

VERSE 5

Pity the nations, O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home

VERSE 6

We long to see Thy churches full
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul
Sing Thy redeeming grace



FRIDAY

Read Luke 6:43-45

Practice the catechism of the week. Try to recite it without looking!

Discuss

“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”

The words we say reveal our hearts. It is rarely true, if ever, that we didn't mean to say something. When we say something without thinking, that's just our heart being clear. We do what we do because we love what we love, either loving God or something other than Him. If we love Him, then we will follow His commands.

The commands which we have studied this week prove that. The actions that they prohibit (murder, adultery, stealing) flow from deeper 'root' issues. You may not murder someone, but until you love them as Christ did you have not kept the law. You may not commit adultery, but as long as your heart longs for that which it shouldn't you do. You may not actually steal, but as long as there is greed in your heart you are guilty.

To be righteous, to keep the law, means you not only do the right things, but that you want the right things too! That you see God and His law more beautiful, more satisfying, more delightful than anything this world has to offer. Nothing you can steal can surpass the treasures of heaven. No pleasure can surpass the pleasure in Christ. No desire not met here could be greater than the satisfaction in God.

Discussion Questions

- Do you usually think of the law as a list of things you do/don't do, or as a matter of the heart?
- Does your life demonstrate a desire for God?
- How can we be found innocent of the laws we have broken?

Sing

Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray

Thank God that He
provided His Son to
fulfill the law for us

DOXOLOGY

Verse 1:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Verse 2:

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!

There are many different versions of this hymn. The first verse is always the same but as you will see in the video, the second often changes.



This link is a fun tutorial to learn the doxology in sign language! A fun family activity!

