



Weekly Discipleship Plan (Week of November 23rd)

Shorter Catechism Question:

Q. 31. What is effective calling?

A. 31. Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and who renews our wills. This is how he persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, who is freely offered to us in the gospel.

Scripture Memory: Exodus 20:1-17 And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Day 1

Reading: Numbers 36

Questions: How does this chapter reflect the notion of fairness and justice?

How does Numbers 36 reflect the balance between individual rights and communal integrity?

What lessons can we learn from the interaction between the Israelite leaders and Moses in this chapter?

End with prayer: pray for the effectiveness of evangelism and discipleship.

Day 2

Reading: Deuteronomy 1

Questions: In what ways does the recounting of the journey serve as a lesson for future generations?

How do you handle situations in your life where you feel overwhelmed, like Moses did?

What steps can we take when faced with decisions to ensure we're acting in alignment with God's will?

End with prayer: pray for growth in love and compassion towards our neighbors.

Day 3

Reading: Deuteronomy 2

Questions: Why do you think God instructed the Israelites to avoid conflict with some nations?

How can we distinguish between battles we're meant to fight and those we should sidestep?

How does God's care for Israel in their wanderings reflect His care for us in our life journeys?

End with prayer: pray for the Lord to renew your mind with His truth.

Day 4

Reading: Deuteronomy 3

Questions: What does the victory over Og signify about God's power?

Why was the division of the land significant to the tribes of Israel?

What are the qualities of a good leader, as depicted in this chapter?

End with prayer: pray for personal renewal of body & spirit.

Day 5

Reading: Deuteronomy 4

Questions: Why does Moses place such importance on the Israelites obeying God's laws?

What does it mean to seek God "wholeheartedly" in today's context?

Why might God describe Himself as a "consuming fire"?

End with prayer: pray for the Lord to renew our minds with His truth.

Day 6

Reading: Deuteronomy 5

Questions: How does idol worship manifest in the modern world?

Why do you think God emphasizes passing these teachings to the next generation?

What challenges do you face in upholding these commandments in today's society?

End with prayer: pray that we will be faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure.

Day 7

Reading: Deuteronomy 6-7

Questions: How can we remind ourselves daily of God's commandments and their importance?

How can we ensure we're not spiritually "intermarrying" with worldly philosophies?

How can we ensure that we're not compromising our faith in subtle ways?

End with prayer: pray for our physical health and strength, and for our family and friends.