



Weekly Discipleship Plan (Week of December 7th)

Shorter Catechism Question:

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. 33. Justification is the act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight. He does so only because he counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

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: Deuteronomy 18

Questions: How does God's provision for the Levites reflect His care and intention for all His people?

Why do you think the Israelites were fearful of hearing directly from God at Mount Horeb?

How do we maintain spiritual purity in an increasingly pluralistic world?

End with prayer: pray for two unchurched people you know.

Day 2

Reading: Deuteronomy 19-20

Questions: How does the principle of multiple witnesses enhance the pursuit of justice?

How do the instructions about warfare teach us about God's character?

What strategies can we employ to remember God's presence and assurance during personal struggles?

End with prayer: pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors who don't have saving faith in Jesus.

Day 3

Reading: Deuteronomy 21

Questions: How can parents today deal with a rebellious child in a manner that is both firm and loving?

If someone today feels they've "dishonored" another, how can they seek restitution or reconciliation?

How do we reconcile the harsher aspects of ancient justice with our understanding of God's character?

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

Day 4

Reading: Deuteronomy 22-23

Questions: Discuss the significance of letting the mother bird go while taking the eggs or young birds.

How do the laws about marital conduct aim to protect the innocent while ensuring justice?

What modern actions or practices might be considered "earnings from immoral activities"?

End with prayer: pray for the Great Commission to be fulfilled.

Day 5

Reading: Deuteronomy 24

Questions: How does the chapter depict the importance of personal dignity?

Why is a newly married man given a year without burdens?

What does the chapter teach about the practice of godly justice in our communities?

End with prayer: pray for God's help and guidance in sharing the gospel with others.

Day 6

Reading: Deuteronomy 25-26

Questions: How does the limit on lashes emphasize the importance of human dignity in punishments?

How does the emphasis on honesty in commerce reflect other biblical teachings?

What practices in your life serve as reminders of your commitments and values?

End with prayer: pray for those serving in local, state, and national government.

Day 7

Reading: Deuteronomy 27

Questions: In what ways do communal rituals strengthen a community's bond and shared purpose?

How do you practice 'rejoicing in the Lord's presence' in your life each day?

What are the societal consequences of disregarding shared ethical standards?

End with prayer: pray for God's protection and blessing on our first responders (police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, etc...).