



Weekly Discipleship Plan (Week of December 21st)

Shorter Catechism Question:

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. 35. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

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

Reading: Joshua 3

Questions: How does the miracle at the Jordan demonstrate the power of God?

How does the role of the priests reflect their commitment to their faith?

What lessons can you draw from the Israelites' obedience and faith?

End with prayer: pray for the spiritual revival of the community and nation.

Day 2

Reading: Joshua 4-5

Questions: How can we create "memorials" in our own lives to remember God's faithfulness?

How does the cessation of the manna reflect on the change in the Israelites' situation?

What can we learn from Joshua's immediate obedience when he's told to remove his sandals?

End with prayer: pray for the effectiveness of Bethel's ministries.

Day 3

Reading: Joshua 6

Questions: How can we interpret the LORD's detailed strategy to Joshua about taking the city?

Why did Joshua command the people not to shout or even speak until he told them to?

How does the fate of Jericho reflect on the concept of divine justice and judgment?

End with prayer: pray for opportunities to share the gospel with family and friends.

Day 4

Reading: Joshua 7

Questions: In what ways might we be tempted to take what isn't ours?

How can our individual actions affect the groups or communities we're part of?

How does Achan's action contrast with Rahab's behavior in the previous chapters?

End with prayer: pray for the church-planting movement in Mexico.

Day 5

Reading: Joshua 8-9

Questions: How did Joshua's strategy of ambush reflect his obedience and trust in God's plan?

How can the total extermination of Ai's inhabitants be reconciled with a just and loving God?

How does chapter 9 illustrate the importance of integrity in our dealings with others?

End with prayer: pray for growth in spiritual maturity and personal discipline.

Day 6

Reading: Joshua 10

Questions: How does God's reassurance give us courage in times of fear and uncertainty in our lives?

What does the execution of the five kings symbolize in terms of God's justice?

How does Joshua's prayer to make the sun stand still challenge us to ask for bigger things?

End with prayer: pray to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be "in Christ."

Day 7

Reading: Joshua 11

Questions: How can Joshua's faith in God's promises inspire us when facing overwhelming tasks?

In the context of this chapter, how do you reconcile God's justice and His love?

Joshua obeyed God and led Israel to victory. How does this inspire you in your daily walk with God?

End with prayer: pray for a greater understanding of God's character and ability.