



## Weekly Discipleship Plan (Week of December 28<sup>th</sup>)

### Shorter Catechism Question:

*Q. 36. What benefits in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**A. 36. The benefits that in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and growing and preserving in grace to the end of our lives.**

**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. <sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>"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: Joshua 12-13

Questions: What does the distribution of the conquered land among the tribes of Israel signify?

How can the idea of there being much land still to take apply to your spiritual life and goals?

God had a plan for every tribe in Israel. How does this help you to understand His individual plans for us?

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

#### Day 2

Reading: Joshua 14

Questions: Why were the Levites not granted any inheritance of land?

What do Caleb's words to Joshua reveal about his character and his faith in God?

What does it mean to "wholly follow the LORD?" How can we implement this in our daily lives?

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

#### Day 3

Reading: Joshua 15-16

Questions: Why do you think the descendants of Judah could not drive out the Jebusites living in Jerusalem?

What might be the reasons the Ephraimites did not drive out the Canaanites from Gezer?

What does this passage teach us about the potential consequences of incomplete obedience to God's commands?

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

#### Day 4

Reading: Joshua 17-18

Questions: How does the division among Manasseh's descendants reflect the fulfilment of God's promise?

What can we learn from the meticulous planning and execution of the land distribution?

What can we learn about patience and God's timing from the tribes waiting for their inheritance?

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

#### Day 5

Reading: Joshua 19

Questions: What lessons can we draw from the tribe of Simeon receiving an inheritance within Judah's portion?

How might the division of these cities have influenced the culture and lifestyle of each tribe?

Why is it essential to have a place to call our own, as reflected in the tribes receiving their inheritances?

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

#### Day 6

Reading: Joshua 20-21

Questions: How does the establishment of the cities of refuge reflect God's justice and mercy?

Why do you think the Levites were given cities throughout the other tribes' territories?

How can we, like the Levites, use our 'inheritance' to serve others?

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

#### Day 7

Reading: Joshua 22

Questions: What can we learn from the obedience of the two and a half eastern tribes?

How can misunderstandings in faith and practices lead to conflicts within a community?

How does Phinehas' response represent wise leadership?

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