

New City Catechism

Discussion Questions

Episode 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

Short Answer (matches song): That we are not our own but belong to God.

Long Answer (doesn't match song): That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Verse to learn: Romans 14:7-8: "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be part of a family?

A: Answers can vary - allow people to share what it meant for them to be part of a family.

Positive examples of family: belonging, safety, comfort, care, inheritance, identity, etc.

It might be good to hint that there are some "expectations," "contributions," or "rules" that every member of your family is expected to follow.

2. What does it mean to be a part of God's family?

A: Similar to the above answer: belonging, safety, inheritance, identity,

Connect that there are some "expectations," "contributions," or "rules" that every member of your family is expected to follow. Romans 8:14-17 has some great verses about being a child of God ("Abba" = daddy, an endearing term),

Good article with "privileges of being a child of God":

<https://www.thegoodbook.com/blog/interestingthoughts/2016/12/08/seven-breathtaking-privileges/>

3. How does something come to "belong to you?"

A: Purchase, Create, Given to you as gift, Trade, Inherit, Bad way = Steal (maybe?)

4. Why does God own us? Why do we belong to God?

A: Go back to some of the answers above.

Created - (God created each of us - Psalm 139),

Purchased - (Jesus' blood purchased us back from sin/law/death - **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**) "we are not our own..."

5. What does it mean practically to belong to God in life? ...in death?

A (in life): Allow for answers. Suggest the verse below.

1 Corinthians 6:19 "we are not our own..." "honor God with your bodies."

Romans 12:1 "a living sacrifice..."

A: (in death): Allow for discussion. We will belong to God in death and in our resurrected bodies. John 14:2-3 "my Father's house has many rooms...that where I am you can be also."

Verse of the day: Romans 14:7-8