

New City Catechism

Discussion Questions

Episode 6: How can we glorify God?

Short Answer (matches song): By loving him and by obeying his commands and law.

Long Answer (doesn't match song): We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Verse to learn: **Deuteronomy 11:1**

You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between doing a job because you “have to” and doing a job “out of love?”

A: Answers can vary - allow for involvement. The result of both jobs is the same (the job is done) but the attitude is the difference. God searches the heart. Love the Lord Your God with all your heart.

2. What are some things God has clearly commanded us to do?

A: The main two:

1. Love God with everything you have! (don't just fly over this one!) If you don't love God above everything else, all other commands are useless.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself (as much as you love yourself).

Here is an extensive list of just New Testament commands. Feel free to use it as a resource. It would be helpful to look at this list in light of the greatest 2 commands. You could ask, how does this command help me love God and/or my neighbor? And why is this command important?

https://www.abc.net.au/reslib/201407/r1308729_17984331.pdf

3. Read Matthew 5:17 and Matthew 28:18-20. What does it say about God's law and His commands?

A: Jesus didn't come to get rid of the commands. He came to fulfill them perfectly. The key to Matthew 28:18-20 is the command to make disciples, but immediately it tells us to “teach them to obey EVERYTHING I have commanded you.” So, the commands are still desired for us to aim at accomplishing (by the power of the Holy Spirit).

4. What things can you do this week to honor your parents (whether they are present or whether they have passed away)?

A: For those with living parents, this can be a phone call, a message, or just an attitude change (or even forgiveness). For those with parents that have passed, we can still honor them with our lives. What ways can we show honor and respect for our parents? Possible answers: In

passing on those things that they taught you, by sharing memories/stories about them with others, etc.

5. How can we glorify God this week?

A: Allow discussion. This is meant to be a generic question, but also can be a specific direct question for the group as a whole. What can you do as a group to glorify God? Is God calling you to do a mission project? Soup kitchen? Adopt a missionary? Plan a mission trip? Bless a coworker? Bless a neighbor? Come up with something or begin discussion about ways you can respond to what God is calling you (both individually and as a group) are being commanded to do.