

second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” It is important to remember that the only person who has followed all of God’s instructions is the Lord Jesus Christ. Since you have sinned and disobeyed God’s commands there is one thing that is required of you before everything else. That is to repent of your sins and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you trust in his death on the cross you will be forgiven. The new life you have will allow you to start learning and even loving all God’s rules!

Discussion Questions

- What are some good verses that tell us what to do as believers? (*ex. Micah 6:8, Matt 22:37-40, Ex 20*)
- Are there times when you don’t care about God’s rules? How should you respond?
- Share a time you realized you had started to love doing what God says.
- How does learning God’s rules change your understanding of the gospel?

Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Most religions come down to following a bunch of rules to earn rewards. Christianity is different than other religions. The rules we are to follow are God’s rules. The WAY we are to follow them is different too. It’s not just important that we obey the rules outwardly. We must also obey them inwardly, from our hearts. This means obeying God by doing what He says, quickly, and with a good attitude. 1. We must do what God says exactly. (James 2:10 *For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*) 2. We must also do it quickly. (Psalm 119:60 *I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.*) 3. Finally, we must do it with a good attitude. (Phil 2:14 *Do all things without grumbling or disputing.*) Have you always obeyed God like this? I know I haven’t! Unlike us, Jesus obeyed his Father completely. We see Jesus’ obedience in his going to the cross for us. He obeyed God’s commands rather than take a different way offered by Satan. He obeyed God quickly, setting his face to Jerusalem and not getting distracted. He obeyed God with a good attitude, saying in the garden, “not my will but yours be done.” This points to another way Christianity is different from other religions. We know we have failed to obey God’s commands. We are forgiven when we trust Jesus’ obedience in our place. Jesus earned eternal life for us!

Discussion Questions

- How would you describe your own obedience to God’s law? Use the 3 descriptions of true obedience talked about above.
- Who do you need to obey in your day-to-day life? Do you obey with true obedience? What does this say about your obedience to God?
- Are you trying to obey God well enough for Him to like you? Have you trusted in Jesus’ perfect obedience to earn you a place in God’s family?
- If you are a Christian, how is your obedience of God’s law different than someone trying to obey God well enough to be saved?

Baptist Catechism

Family Worship Guide



West Oaks Baptist Church

(in preparation for Sunday, October 15th, 2023)

Baptist Catechism Question #6

Q: What things are chiefly contained in the Holy Scriptures?

A: *The Holy Scriptures chiefly contain what man ought to believe concerning God, and what duty God requireth of man.*

Suggested Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:14-15 *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

In 1 Tim 1:13 Paul talks about his past. *Though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief.* Sometimes ignorance isn't bad. It can simply mean you haven't learned something yet, like a young child ignorant of how to talk. He isn't sinning by not answering his parents. The ignorance Paul describes here is different. He says *I had acted ignorantly IN UNBELIEF.* We, like Paul, have knowledge of who God is (Rom 1:18-23) and we have knowledge of what God requires us to do (Rom 2:14-15). Paul had knowledge of God but he was *ignorant in unbelief.* Because he didn't believe God he rejected what God has revealed about who He is and what He wants us to do. God says He will judge this sort of ignorance. Jer 10:25 *Pour out your wrath on the nations that know you not, and on the peoples that call not on your name.* We might be tempted to read Paul's words *I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief* to mean God showed mercy BECAUSE Paul didn't deserve to be judged in ignorance. This would be misunderstanding. The word *because* indicates, not the reason Paul deserved mercy, but rather why he NEEDED mercy. God is gracious to us who are lost in our sin and He teaches us in His Scriptures. Psalm 119:130 *The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple*

Discussion Question

- Have you ever excused your disobedience by saying, "I didn't know what I was supposed to do?" When is that a good excuse? When is it not?
- Is God just to judge people who don't have His Bible and haven't heard His rules?
- If you are a believer how much of the Bible are you ignorant of? What should you do about that?

Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Who do you think the words of the Bible are written to help? Does the Bible teach unbelievers how to be saved? Does the Bible teach believers how to live as Christians? The answer is BOTH! If you haven't yet trusted in Jesus, then the Bible is the perfect place for you to learn about Him and come to trust Him. 2 Tim 2:15 says the Scriptures *are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.* If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then the Bible is perfect for you too! 2 Tim 3:16-17 says the Scriptures *are profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* This means we should all read the Scriptures and seek to understand what they say. Some of the scriptures are hard to understand. It can be tempting to think only pastors, or highly educated people, are able to understand what the Scriptures say. Have you ever been tempted to stop trying to read the Bible because you don't understand it? The Bible itself says that it is written in such a way that even those who don't know a lot, children, or those who haven't had good schooling, are able to understand the important teachings about who God is and the salvation offered in His gospel. Psalm 119:130 *The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been confused about what scripture means? What can you do when that happens?
- What are some good scriptures that can help someone who doesn't know Jesus to learn the truth of the gospel? (*examples – John 3:16, Rom 3:23-24, 1 Cor 15:3-11*)
- Do you have any scriptures memorized that you could use to share the gospel with others?

Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Have you ever met someone and thought, "I want to get to know them a little more?" When I (Pastor Joshua) first met my wife, Janiece, I was intrigued to say the least. I thought she looked very pretty and was quite interesting. Because of my interest I spent time trying to get to know more about her. I watched her talk with others, spent time in groups, and talked with her myself. In the course of time I got to know her very well, and you could say the rest is history! There will be many interesting people in your life that you will meet and want to get to know. More important than any of those people, it is essential that you come to know God! Hosea 6:3 says, *let us know; let us press on to know the Lord.* How can you get to know Him? Through the Scriptures! God has told us about Himself in the Bible. Proverbs 2:1,5 says *My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you...then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.* This means that if you want to know God you must read about Him in His Word. We have many wonderful opportunities to seek God in the Bible. We hear the Bible read and preached from in Church. We read it as families in our homes. We can even read it ourselves in our personal quiet times daily.

Discussion Questions

- Think about how much time and attention you spend learning the Bible. Does it look like you want to know God better? Do you need to repent and ask God to forgive you for not trying to get to know Him better?
- If you are a believer, share about how you have come to love God's Word.
- What are some times and ways you can get to know the Bible (and God) better?

Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Have you ever played a new game for the first time? When you begin your greatest questions is, "what am I supposed to do?" Life is like that sometimes. We want to know, "What am I supposed to do? What does God require of me?" The Bible is filled with wonderful answers to this question that you will spend your whole life learning. God has given us special places in the Bible that sum up all His instructions to us. One place is found in Micah 6:8 which says *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* Another special place is where Jesus speaks in Matthew 22:37-39 *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a*