



Family Memory Verse

"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

Leviticus 19:3

Question & Answer

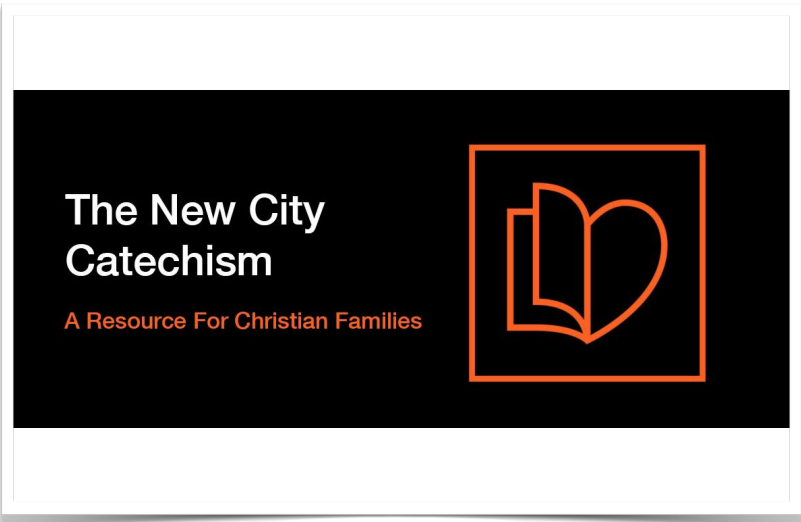
What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

"Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in worship of God. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and mother."

Pray Together

"Life-giving Father, we will only flourish when we walk in your ways. You have made us, and you tell us we need rest. Keep us from justifying ourselves through ceaseless work. Give us humility to honor our parents. May we always live by your commands rather than by our own instincts."

Amen."



Family Discipleship

1. As a family, read Leviticus 19:1-4.
2. Who has God put in our lives that know what's best for us to take care of us?
3. What are some of the things parents do for children to take care of them?
4. God is a loving Father who cares for His children and provides for us. Two of His provisions are: Sabbath and Parents.
5. Why does God want us to remember to rest?
6. Why is rest good for us?
7. Why has God given us a family? How are parents a gift from God?
8. What does it mean to honor your parents and how can you do a better job?



As A Group...

1. Spend time praying for one another.
2. Encourage and hold one another accountable in the area of having a personal quiet time.
3. Talk about each member's "one" friend or family member who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name and encourage and hold one another accountable to share the gospel or offer an invitation to the "one."
4. As a group, plan an activity that you can invite unchurched neighbors to so that you can get to know the people around your group.
5. As a group, encourage and hold each other accountable in the area of serving. Where is each member serving in the body of Christ and the kingdom?

Discussion Questions

1. As a group, read Mark 8 (the whole chapter).
2. Have you ever struggled with seeing the things of God with "spiritual eyes" and not being blinded by a lack of faith?
3. When Jesus wants to feed the 4,000, the disciples question where they will get enough bread. When they are in the boat, they're worried because they only have one loaf of bread. Remember, Jesus has already fed the 5,000 in chapter 6. Why do you think the disciples have such a hard time with faith? Can you identify with this struggle?
4. What is the spiritual truth to Jesus healing the blind man? Have there been times in your life when you have needed Jesus to "open" your eyes?
5. In Mark 8, Jesus feeds bread to 4,000 Gentiles, is rejected by the Pharisees, warns his disciples against unbelief, heals a blind man, is confessed to be the Messiah by Peter, and foretells his death, resurrection, and the suffering of the disciples. What do all of these things have in common and what is Mark's message?
6. One of the subtle, but most powerful, details of this story is that Jesus breaks the bread for the 4,000 but then gives it to the disciples to distribute to the people.

What does this tell us about the ministry of the disciples? What does this teach us about **our** role of living on mission with Jesus?

