

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE BEATITUDES

Session Description:

The session presents God's call to covenant and an overview of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

Focus of the Session:

"The Decalogue, the Sermon on the Mount, and the apostolic catechesis describe for us the paths that lead to the Kingdom of heaven. Sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we tread them, step by step, by everyday acts (CCC #1724)."

Content:

In conducting this session the instructor will:

1. Present the Scriptural understanding of covenant.
2. Examine the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as our response to God's covenant.
3. Present the connections and implications of the Commandments and Beatitudes.
4. Provide an opportunity to reflect on the call to covenant presented in the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as it affects our daily life.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of this session, the catechist will:

1. Be familiar with God's call to covenant.
2. Develop an understanding of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as a path to Christian living.
3. Understand how the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes speak to contemporary issues.
4. Develop a greater appreciation for the promise to be fulfilled in the Kingdom.

References:

- A Catholic edition of the Holy Bible: Genesis 15, 17; Exodus 19-20; Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 5:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: #1716-1729, 2052-2557
- *National Directory for Catechesis*: pp. 172-183, 103, 86