

NEW CITY CATECHISM

A COMPANION GUIDE WITH THE NEW CITY
CATECHISM DEVOTIONAL



ABOUT THIS STUDY

The New City Catechism will give you a good overview of the core elements of your faith in Christ and a foundation for your relationship with God.

To get the most out of your times with God in this book (and your times sharing together in 3D), we suggest the below pattern for bible study, prayer, and discussion.

Make sure to have something to write with as you reflect during your time meeting together with the living God.

WEEK 1

Introduction + Questions 1-5
Big Idea Question #1 or #4

WEEK 2

Questions 6-15
Big Idea Question #6 or #15

WEEK 3

Questions 16-20
Big Idea Question #16 or #19

WEEK 4

Questions 21-28
Big Idea Question #21 or #24

WEEK 5

Questions 29-35
Big Idea Question #29 or #32

WEEK 6

Questions 36-42
Big Idea Question #36 or #42

WEEK 7

Questions 43-48
Big Idea Question #43 or #46

WEEK 8

Questions 49-52

Big Idea Question #50 or #52

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Consider the following pattern for daily reading of scripture as you interact with the questions and content from the New City Catechism devotional.

FIRST – Read the selected question(s) for the day and consider how you would honestly answer it. How would your answer confirm or differ from the scriptural answer? Why?

SECOND – Spend time reflecting on the given scripture associated with the question and answer. Use the GROW document to guide your meditation. What words are repeated, ideas highlighted, questions you have, etc. Are there other scriptures that come to mind that hit on this same theme?

THIRD – Read through the Commentary section associated with the question and answer. What new ideas are highlighted? How does this summary and scripture change you? Is there something new to believe? Something new to obey (do or not do)? Someone to share this truth with (a believer to encourage or a nonbeliever who this idea might connect with)?

FOURTH – Pray and talk to God about these things. Use the guided prayer section as your prayer, or as a starting point for your conversation with God.

TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Consider using the following format for your meeting. Select one of the Big Idea Questions from above to focus on during your time together.

FIRST – (Life) Choose one of the catechesis questions that highlights a big idea that came out of this section (see suggestions below). Ask that question to the group.

How would everyone respond to it? How was this evidenced in each person's life that week? Ex. *Question*: What is our only hope in life and death? *Answer*: I have been living like my hope is found in my kids. I'm seeking life and satisfaction in them. I see this as I keep comparing myself to other parents, am full of anxiety for their development, etc.

SECOND – (Bible) Discuss the bible passage associated with the chosen question. The scripture passages from the surrounding questions will also connect to this discussion, as the questions and scriptures build on one another.

a. What truths from the scriptures this week inform your week and shape the way we are to live in light of the true answer to this question?

b. How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection impact your life in this area?

c. Where is God calling you to obey? Something to do, not do? Someone to tell?

THIRD – (Prayer) As well as praying through the whole time (offer praises when something encouraging is shared, and ask for help as harder things are shared), spend time talking to God about the truths of these passages and this question/answer. Praise him. Confess sin to him. Thank him. Ask him for his power and provision.

TOOLS

- New City Catechism Devotional Book (www.crossway.org/books/the-new-city-catechism-devotional-case)
- GROW Bible Study Guide (thewellsilverspring.org/resources)
- 3D Meeting Guide (thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

Extra: New City Catechism App (Great for interaction with the content, as well as songs and videos for use with your family/kids)