

NEW CITY CATECHISM

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ABOUT THIS STUDY

The New City Catechism Devotional provides a good overview of the core elements of our faith and a foundation for our relationships with God. To get the most out of your time with God personally, and with your 3D group, we suggest the below pattern for bible study, prayer, and discussion.

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Introduction + Questions 1-3
Big Idea Question #1

WEEK 2

Questions 4-6
Big Idea Question #4

WEEK 3

Questions 7-12
Big Idea Question #7

WEEK 4

Questions 13-15
Big Idea Question #15

WEEK 5

Questions 16-20
Big Idea Question #16

WEEK 6

Questions 21-28
Big Idea Question #24

WEEK 7

Questions 29-31
Big Idea Question #29

WEEK 8

Questions 32-35
Big Idea Question #32

WEEK 9

Questions 36-42
Big Idea Question #37

WEEK 10

Questions 43-48

Big Idea Question #48

WEEK 11

Questions 49-52

Big Idea Question #49

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

For your personal daily reading of scripture as you interact with the questions and content from the New City Catechism Devotional follow the below pattern. Spend a day or more on each question from the Catechism.

FIRST – Read the question and consider how you would honestly answer it. How does your honest answer agree with or differ from the scriptural answer? What confuses you about the question, what is new, challenging, known, unknown... etc.

SECOND – Spend time reflecting on the given scripture associated with the question and answer. Use the GROW or SOAP Document to guide your time in the word (see below). What does the scripture say? What does it mean? How does it inform your life today? Consider journaling your prayers, reflections, and applications.

THIRD – Read the Commentary section associated with the question and answer. Why does this truth matter to you today? A. Is there something new to believe or a sin to confess? B. Is there something for you to obey (do or not do)? C. Is there someone with whom to share this truth?

FOURTH – Pray and talk to God about these things. Use the provided prayer in the NCC Devotional as a starting point for your conversation with God. Consider journaling your prayer.

TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format for your 3D meetings. Focus on the “Big Idea Question” from the given week during your time together. Make sure to remember the other questions and scriptures as you discuss, but focus on the Big Idea Question.

FIRST – Life: Ask the “Big Idea” question to the group. How would everyone honestly answer it? How was your answer evidenced in your life this week? Was the concept a new one, challenging one, confusing one?

Ex. *NCC Question #1*: What is our only hope in life and death? *Answer*: I have been living like my hope is in my kids' success. 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 passages associated with the chosen question. Keep in mind, the scripture passages from the surrounding questions build on each other and will also be helpful in the discussion.

- a. What truths from the scriptures this week inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live in light of the answer to this question?
- b. How does the good news of Jesus' perfect life, substitutionary death, and powerful resurrection impact your life in this area?
- c. Why does it matter? Where is God calling you to obey in response to His word? Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe or a sin to confess? Someone to share this truth with?

THIRD – Prayer: Pray throughout your time together. Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared. Close in prayer. Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation. Praise Him. Confess sin to Him. Thank Him. Ask Him for His power and provision.

TOOLS

1. New City Catechism Devotional Book ([Link](#))- The Devotional Book (make sure to get the "Devotional") includes question, answer, scripture, commentary, and prayer for each day's reading.
2. GROW or SOAP Bible Study Doc (thewellsilverspring.org/resources). Use one of our short guides on how to study the bible to guide you in studying the scriptures referenced with each question.
3. New City Catechism App- All of the content from NCC Devotional Guide is on this App! It also includes a simplified kids version with songs and videos for use with your family. You can find it, and lots of extra resources at The New City Catechism Site ([Link](#)).