

Terms of the Week:

- Atonement
- Redeem
- Ransom
- Salvation
- State of Humiliation
- State of Exaltation

Small Group Time: If you are in the large room— please talk quietly!

- Check in: Hi's and Low's
- Homework and Memory Update:
 - 8th grade: completed binders are to be turned in Dec. 16th. 7th grade on Jan. 7th
 - Check that everyone has done it! Do you know the 1st and 2nd part of the meaning of the second article?
- Small Group Business: When is our next small group gathering?

Small Group Bible Time:

- How do these passages show us the Jesus is our Redeemer?
 - Colossians 1:13-14 Write "We are redeemed!"
 - Romans 3: 23-25a What did it cost us to be redeemed? What did it cost God?
 - Psalm 130:7-8 Write "Jesus is our Redeemer"
 - Galatians 3:13 The blessing of a Savior is not just for the Jews, but also for whom?

Small Group Thought Time:

- Is Christ's redemption for EVERYONE? What about those who steal, murder, lie, or aren't of the Christian faith?
- If Christ's redemption is for everyone—the payment has been made for EVERYONE—then why isn't everyone saved? (John 3:36)
- What does the statement "No Strings attached" mean? What does it have to do with the concept of redemption? (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Talk about the worst punishment you ever received.
- What do you think about the punishment you should receive for just 1 sin? (Romans 6:23) Too harsh? Why or Why not?
- Why is that the punishment? Leviticus 19:2
- The punishment was fulfilled—by whom?

Memory: Write out the following and have them memorized by next Sunday

- Finish the meaning of the 2nd article:

Catechism Questions: Read pages 127-134

- What 2 states do the Scriptures distinguish in Christ's work of salvation? (Q 126)
- Which words of the Apostles' Creed describe the stages of Christ's humiliation? (Q128)
- From what has Christ redeemed you? (Q 134)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- How has Christ redeemed you from all sins? (Q 135)
 - 1.
 - 2.
- How has Christ rescued you from death? (Q 136)
- How has Christ rescued you from the power of the devil? (Q 137)
- With what has Christ redeemed you? (Q 138)

- How does this work of redemption benefit you? (Q 139)

- Who has Christ died for? (Q 140)

Daily Readings:

- Day 1:
 - Read Matthew 13:1-8. A parable is a story with a meaning.
 - How is sowing a seed different from planting a seed?
 - The seed stands for God's word. Read Matt. 13: 18-23. What do the following stand for and what happened to it?
 - Seed on the path:

 - Seed on the rocky ground:

 - Seed in the thorns:

 - Seed in the good soil:
 - Our responsibility is to keep our own soil "fertile and good". What can you do in your life this week to make sure that the soil God's word is falling on is good soil?

□ Day 2:

- Read Matthew 13:9-13. The meaning of the parables is concealed from those that reject Jesus. Those that don't treasure the true word of God. How is the prophecy in Isaiah (quoted in Matthew 13:14-15) fulfilled by the Pharisees?
- Matthew 13:24-25. God's Word is the seed, it is sown in good soil Who is the enemy?
- What are the weeds?
- Matthew 13:26-29. Why didn't the owner want the weeds ripped up immediately?
- How does that fit in to today?
- Matthew 13:30. What eventually happens to the weeds?
- What does that teach us about what will happen in the end times?
- Read Matthew 13: 36-43 to see if you are right!

□ Day 3:

- Read Matthew 13:31-32 How is God's word like a mustard seed?
- Compare it to how the church started and where it is now:
- Matthew 13:33. How is God's word like a little yeast?
- Matthew 13: 34-35. Why do you think Jesus had to speak about these things in parables? (remember the puppy trying to learn the algebra lesson)

□ Day 4:

- Read Matthew 13:44-45 Following Jesus is hard and takes sacrifice, Jesus knows that many of his friends will be put to death on His account. What is Jesus teaching them (and us) through these 2 parables?

- Read Matthew 13:47-50. Jesus second coming will bring both grace (undeserved love) and judgment. Explain this:

- Matthew 13:51-52. Do you think the disciples understood everything Jesus was saying? Why/Why not?

□ Day 5:

- Matthew 13:53-58. Jesus had been doing many miracles and preaching to multitudes. Now he went back to his hometown. How did the neighbors respond?

- How did his brothers and sisters respond?

- What kind of miracles was he able to do?

- Why/Why not?
- How do you think Jesus felt with the response he received from his family and neighbors?
- If Jesus walked into your school/church/neighborhood----how do you think people would respond to Him? Why?

Family Covenant:

We have checked in this week, read and highlighted verses, prayed for each other, and blessed one another.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____