

Terms of the Week:

- Comforter
- Holy Ghost
- Holy Spirit
- Intercede
- Sanctify
- Conversion
- Regeneration
- Means of Grace
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Small Group Time: If you are in the large room— please talk quietly!

- Check in: Hi's and Low's
- Homework and Memory Update:
- Small Group Business: When is our next small group gathering?

- Prayer Requests:

Small Group Bible Time:

What does the Holy Spirit do for you?

- John 14:26
- Romans 8:26b
- I Corinthians 12:3
- I Corinthians 12:4-7
- II Corinthians 13:14

Small Group Thought Time:

- What are some of the things you think of when you hear the words: "Holy Spirit"?
- What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
- How does a person get faith?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23, what are the "fruits of the Spirit"?
- How would having those in your life "sanctify" you (or make you holy)?

Memory:

- Meaning of the 3rd article 1st paragraph:

Catechism Questions: Read pages 144-153

- What is the special work of the Holy Spirit? (Q 156)
- Why do you need the Holy Spirit to begin and sustain faith in you? (Q157)
- What does "the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel" mean? (Q158)
- What does "enlightened me with His gifts" mean? (Q 159)
- Who does the Holy Spirit want to convert? (Q 167)
- Why are not all people saved? (Q 168)

Daily Readings:

Day 1:

- Matthew 14:34-36. Word was getting out about Jesus. What were the people asking for, and getting?
- Matthew 15:1-2. What fault were the Pharisees finding with Jesus?
- Matthew 15:3-7. Jesus explains that it is the intent of the law that is to be followed when he points out that some people do not support their own parents with money, instead, they say they give that money away to God. Jesus points out that they are breaking the 4th commandment by not taking care of their parents.
- Matthew 15:8-9. What did the prophet Isaiah say about the Pharisees?

Day 2:

- Matthew 15:10-11 and 17-20. The Jews have many dietary laws (kosher laws) about what to eat, and how to stay "clean". We don't follow those laws anymore. What really makes you "clean" or "unclean"?
- Matthew 15: 12-14. How do the Pharisees feel about Jesus? Why?

Day 3:

- Read Matthew 15:21-22. The Canaanites were Gentiles—not of Jewish origin. The Jews were the "chosen race", not the Gentiles. What was this woman's request?
- Matthew 15:23-24. Jesus' answer? His disciples?
- Why do you think He didn't help her immediately?
- Matthew 15:25-27. How did the Canaanite woman show she had faith in Jesus?
- Matthew 15:28. The result of her faith?
- Both Jews and Gentiles are saved by their faith! Christians, all of us, are now the "chosen people" of God.

Day 4

- Read Matthew 15:29-31. Pretend you are a reporter on the scene.
 - Describe what you are witnessing:

 - If you had someone who had to be healed, would you bring them to Jesus? Why/why not.

 - If you know of someone who needs to be healed today, how can you "bring them to Jesus"?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 15:32. How long did the people stay with Jesus?
- When you think about what the disciples had just witnessed in Matthew 14:13-21, what makes Matt. 15:33 a funny question?

- Matthew 15:34-39. How was this different from the first feeding? How was it the same?
 - Different:
 - Same:
- The stories this week had a lot to do with God's supreme power and love for us, and our faith for His help in our lives. What problem in your life do you have to let go of, and trust your almighty Father to handle for you?
- Pray that prayer today—He takes care of you!

Family Covenant:

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

Signed: _____ ***Date:*** _____