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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Use the essays in your Parent's Guide to help answer these questions.

1. What does Jesus say is the way the world will know that we are His disciples?
2. What was so profound about Jesus washing the feet of His disciples? Whom did that job typically belong to?
3. What is the greatest sacrifice Jesus made for us? How do we continue to be united to his ultimate Sacrifice?

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4. We are called to treat each and every person we encounter as we would Christ. What does this look like in everyday life? Give some practical examples.
5. What are some challenges to the call to treat every person as we would treat Jesus?
6. List and describe the Corporal Works of Mercy. What are practical examples of living out each one?
7. List and describe the Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are practical examples of living out each one?

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8. What does Jesus mean when He says, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40)? What are the implications for not helping those who need our help?

9. How is worldly happiness different from the happiness God promises us? Have you experienced worldly happiness? How did it let you down?

10. The Beatitudes are given to us by Jesus to guide us on our journey toward Heaven. Why is Jesus the perfect model for us of the Beatitudes?

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11. The first beatitude states, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." How does Jesus exemplify this beatitude? What does this beatitude help us recognize? What does it promise and how does it make us happy?
12. The second beatitude is, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." How does Jesus exemplify this beatitude? What does this beatitude help us recognize? What does it promise and how does it make us happy?
13. The third beatitude is, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." How does Jesus exemplify this beatitude? What does this beatitude help us recognize? What does it promise and how does it make us happy?
14. The fourth beatitude is, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. How does Jesus exemplify this beatitude? What does this beatitude help us recognize? What does it promise and how does it make us happy?
15. Are any of these dispositions difficult for you to live out? Why? How can you change that?