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# THE BEATITUDES AND THE MISSION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*



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

1. How do the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes relate to each other?
2. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. What do they teach us about the Christian life?
3. The fifth beatitude calls us to mercy. What image comes to mind when you hear the word, "mercy"? What are some examples in Scripture of Jesus showing mercy?
4. How does God respond to the sinner who seeks forgiveness?

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5. The sixth beatitude says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What are some words or images that come to mind when you think of purity? What must one do to have a pure heart?
6. Jesus tells us in the seventh beatitude, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." What are opportunities in your own family and in your community that you see yourself working to bring peace?
7. In Matthew 5:33-34, Jesus tells us, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Where in the liturgy do we see a place for this to happen? Does this verse help you understand this part of the Mass in a new way?
8. Children first experience peace, or the tranquility of a just order, within their families. What are some ways your family life is peaceful? What is a challenge you face in this area? How can you make your family life more peaceful?

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9. Suffering is something that we all endure at some point in our life. Have you ever specifically experienced suffering and persecution for your Catholic faith, or for upholding a certain moral standard?
  
10. What example does Jesus give us when He endures suffering, false accusations, persecutions, and death, all for our salvation? What challenges can be expected when faced with this kind of suffering?
  
11. The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes lay the framework for how a just society is ordered. What is the first society every individual becomes a part of? What takes place within that society?
  
12. What is the most important quality of what makes any society or government good? What will happen if this is not upheld?

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13. Does the “equal dignity of human beings” mean we are all the same? What do our difference call us to do?
  
14. How do you feel called to work toward social justice? Where do you see the need for better sharing resources among members in society? What can you and your family do?
  
15. We are all called to remain united to each other as members of the Body of Christ in Christian solidarity. What are some ways solidarity is realized today?
  
16. How does it make you feel to realize that you are part of something so much greater than yourself, and that you have an important and irreplaceable role in the Body of Christ?