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Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality

Directed Reading Worksheet

Date _____

Chapter 4 *Jesus as Moral Guide*

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequentially with the chapter — the first questions relate to material presented first in the chapter, etc. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

1. The _____ are the very heart of Jesus' preaching, taking up the promises made to _____ and fulfilling them by leading us to God's _____. The very word *beatitude* means "_____."
2. The Beatitudes begin Jesus' great _____ which teaches us the *how* of our Christian _____. Jesus teaches us what _____ we should have and what _____ we must do to live like him and attain true _____.
3. Why is it important to remember that Jesus was truly a human being?
4. In what way was Jesus a perfect teacher?
5. According to the Gospel of Mark, what was the central focus of Jesus' teaching?
6. True or False? The kingdom of God is not fully accomplished and it is our task to help further it.
7. What does repentance mean?
8. Our willingness to repent is linked to our _____ in Christ, the acceptance of God's total, _____ love for each of us. It means saying "yes" to God's _____ as well as a positive response to Jesus and to his _____.
9. What is Jesus' essential message for living the good and moral life?
10. For Jesus, _____ is not a warm, fuzzy feeling, it is sometimes _____. Loving as he loves requires remaining _____ to him, allowing him to live in us and teach us by _____ of the Holy Spirit.
11. Jesus has given us a way to grow in _____ and stay connected to him in the _____. It enables us to enter into the _____ it represents and celebrates Jesus' _____ Mystery.
12. What is the challenge of the Liturgy of the Word?
13. What is remarkable about our union with the Lord in Holy Communion?
14. The Sermon on the Mount is a proclamation of the _____ for Christian discipleship. Because Jesus is with us we are in a new _____ and the _____ the world regards highly are being toppled. The secret to happiness is to _____ the Beatitudes, imitate and _____ God, and put the law of love into _____.
15. True or False? God implanted in us a desire for material things.

16. True or False? Jesus teaches what we have to do right now to develop the kind of attitudes that lead to happiness in the next life.
17. What kind of poverty recognizes that all we have and all we are is a total gift from God?
18. In what sense are those who mourn, blessed?
19. In what sense are the meek, blessed?
20. What does it mean to “hunger and thirst for righteousness”?
21. What does it mean to be merciful?
22. Who are “the clean of heart”?
23. What does it mean to be a “peacemaker”?
24. Who are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness?
25. Jesus fulfills the Mosaic Law by emphasizing its _____ and intent rather than stressing a strict _____ of the “letter” of the Law. Jesus sets a higher _____, the law of _____.
26. True or False? In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus emphasizes the *external* observance of the Law.
27. True or False? Jesus overturns the sixth commandment against adultery.
28. True or False? Jesus perfects the old Law by teaching his law of love which extends to even loving one’s enemies.
29. Jesus’ disciples should forgive enemies in order to break the _____ and root out vengeance. He calls us to high standards of _____, motivated by _____, giving us the help and grace of the _____.
30. How should followers of Jesus perform religious works such as praying, almsgiving, and fasting?
31. In all his instructions Jesus continually gets at our _____, leading us to ask the question: “_____?”
32. What is a double theme of Jesus’ teaching?
33. What is the Golden Rule?
34. What is the meaning of Jesus’ teaching about the narrow gate?
35. True or False? Simply saying you believe in Jesus is enough for Christians.
36. What is the difference between judging others and tolerating people?

37. Jesus has given us the grace that “_____” us before God and that empowers us to live _____ as he requires of us. Justification is the _____ of the Holy Spirit’s grace that cleanses us from our sins through _____.
38. What benefits do we receive from the gift of justification?
39. What is grace according to the *CCC*?
40. What is the difference between sanctifying grace, actual grace, and sacramental grace?
41. True or False? God never forces his love or his gifts on us but has made us with a hunger to do good and to search for truth.
42. Living a moral life and doing good requires _____ and a lifelong commitment. These efforts _____ for us an eternal reward of _____ with the Blessed Trinity.
43. What is the one condition for us to merit eternal life?
44. What does it mean to be holy?
45. The Sacrament of _____ incorporates us into the Body of Christ and, along with the Sacrament of _____, showers us with the graces of the Holy Spirit. The _____ unites us even more closely to the Lord.
46. How do we participate in the priestly ministry of Jesus? The prophetic ministry? The kingly ministry?
47. What is the vocation of every Christian?
48. Men and women in _____ life try to live the virtue of _____ in the most perfect way by following Christ more nearly by _____ themselves totally to God to signify in the Church the _____ of the world to come.
49. True or False? Contemplative orders emphasize active ministries such as caring for the sick or teaching, while apostolic orders put primary emphasis on living a life centered on the celebration of prayer.
50. True or False? Third Orders and Associates include lay people, both married and unmarried, who promise to live the spirituality of specific religious communities.