

Student Notes for Unit 5

Key Understandings

These are the key concepts you need to understand by the end of the unit:

- Jesus' commandments to love God and neighbor are explained in the Sermon on the Mount.
- Jesus' parables help us to understand the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus desires for us to take seriously his commandments to love God and others.
- Treating all of creation with respect and dignity enables us to grow in faith and as disciples.

Article 53: The Sermon on the Mount

1. What is the Sermon on the Mount?
2. A series of Jesus' teachings in which he pronounces as "blessed" certain unlikely groups of people, such as the poor in spirit and the meek, is called the _____.
3. The Sermon on the Mount emphasizes that we should put our trust in _____ and not in _____.
4. The portion of the Sermon on the Mount that is read on Ash Wednesday teaches about the three traditional Lenten practices: _____, _____, and _____.
5. Explain how each of the above Lenten practices help to deepen our faith.

Article 54: The Parables of Jesus

1. What are parables?
2. Many of Jesus' parables are an important part of his proclamation of the _____.
3. Point out two similarities between the parable of the treasure in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price.
4. What does the parable of the great feast teach us about the Kingdom of God?
5. In Luke's Gospel what do the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son teach us about God?



Article 55: Jesus and the Rich Man (Mark 10:17–22)

1. In the account of Jesus and the rich man, what important question does the rich man ask Jesus?
2. When Jesus saw that the rich man wanted to do more than just follow the Commandments, what did Jesus ask him to do?
3. How did the rich man react? Why do you think it was so hard for the rich man to follow Jesus' instructions?
4. What challenge does this account present to modern-day Christians?

Article 56: The Greatest Commandments

1. Name the two Greatest Commandments.
2. What helps us to know how we are to love God?
3. What helps us to know how we are to love our neighbor?

Article 57: The Last Judgment

1. What is the Last Judgment?
2. The second coming of Christ, when his Kingdom will be fully established and his triumph over evil will be complete, is the _____.
3. In teaching about the Last Judgment, Jesus tells a parable about _____.
4. According to the parable, what are the criteria by which all people will be judged?
5. What standard for genuine discipleship does this parable make clear?

