



Overview of

Christian Morality and Justice Course



Christian morality is built on God's steadfast call to live in right relationship with God and with others. God has given us the Ten Commandments as a guide for living in right relationship. This course will help the participants to learn about the moral principles embodied in the Ten Commandments. In each core session, the young people will explore one or more of the Ten Commandments. The participants will have opportunities to apply these Christian moral principles to various real-life situations and will be encouraged to use those principles in their own daily lives. They will examine their own experiences and consider many of the moral dilemmas young people often face. In particular, the two life issue sessions apply the Ten Commandments to the important issues of how we use our money and how we use technology.

Course Themes

Core Session: 1. Making Good Decisions

This session helps the participants to consider their own decision-making processes and to learn to use the Cardinal Virtues as tools for making good decisions.

Core Session: 2. Honoring God

This session explores God's power and role as Creator. The participants will learn that the First Commandment calls us to honor God for all God's great deeds.

Core Session: 3. Honoring Family

This session explores the role parents play in young people's lives and the Fourth Commandment's call to honor our parents.

Core Session: 4. Respecting Life

This session explores the presence of God's image in all of us and the Fifth Commandment's call to respect all life.

Core Session: 5. Respecting Truth and Property

This session explores the effects that lying and stealing have on relationships. The participants learn that the Seventh and Eighth Commandments help us to develop trusting relationships.

Core Session: 6. Respecting Sexuality

This session explores the messages from our culture about sexuality and sex. The participants learn that the Sixth Commandment protects God's true purposes for sex.

Core Session: 7. Working for Justice

This session explores the young people's desire for fairness and how that desire can lead them to answer God's call to do acts of charity and works of justice.

Life Issue Session: 8. Using Money

This session explores the differences between wants and needs. The participants learn that God calls us to set priorities and use our money wisely, keeping those differences in mind.

Life Issue Session: 9. Using Technology

This session explores how using technology involves making moral choices. The participants learn that God calls us to use technology in ways that develop good relationships with God and others.

Concluding Session: 10. Reaching God's Goal for Our Lives

This session explores how attaining goals involves choices. The participants begin to understand that we are to make God's goal—of living in right relationship with God and others—our own personal goal as well.

Optional Course Project: Morality and the Movies

The participants watch a movie and analyze it based on the general moral principles they have learned during the course.