



# NEWMAN INSTITUTE

## KNOWING, LOVING AND SHARING THE FAITH

### Life in Christ: Christian Morality Session 2: The Commandments—The Love of God

TIME	ACTIVITY	GOAL	CONTENT
5 min.	Introduction	Preview the session themes: the great commandment, etc.	Question of the session: How does God's Law free me to love?
10 min.	Opening Prayer	Introduce a guided meditation on the Scriptures	The Rich Young Man (Mt 19:16-22)
15 min.	Partner Activity	Discussion with a neighbor	*What comes to mind when you think of "laws"? *How is Law related to freedom and to being good? *How does God's Law impact my daily life and challenge me?
20 min.	Theme #1: God's Salvation-- Law and Grace	Relate the moral law to eternal law, natural law, and civil and ecclesiastical law	*Talk w/powerpoint slide *Video clip: Skit Guys on Grace
15 min.	Standing Activity:	*Precepts of the Church	*Pick a Precept of the Church and create a tweet to promote it and discuss the following questions?
20 min	Theme #2: Ten Commandments and the Love of God	Discuss Commandments #1-3 on the Love of God; apply insights to contemporary life	*Talk w/powerpoint slide *Video clip Fr. Barron on Idolatry
20 min.	Small Group Activity: Addressing Idolatry	Discuss the various idols in contemporary culture	*What are some of the priorities in life for which people are willing to make sacrifices? *What would people's bank statements reveal about their potential idols? *How does idolatry impact Sunday worship?
10 min.	Review	How do I answer the call to holiness in my daily life?	*Return to the opening question and main themes of the session *Preview recommended follow-up: read US/CCA, ch. 25-27.
5 min.	Closing Prayer	Conclude with a vocal prayer linked to the theme	The Divine Praises