



# Course One: *A Journey of Faith*

## SEGMENT 2: THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

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### PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE

The Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses to help the Israelites become a unified nation. Jesus summarized these Ten Commandments in the Great Commandment, one which stressed love for God and for our neighbor. Jesus also gave his followers a commission – a task to do. We call this the Great Commission.

#### OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP 231)

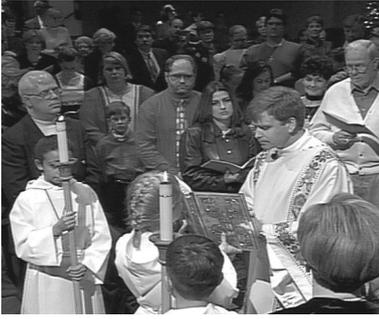
#### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites while they were on a journey to the Promised Land. How was God revealed to them through these commandments? What impact on their journey did these commandments have?

What is the Great Commandment that Jesus gave? What does this reveal about Jesus?

What is the Great Commission? How can it be lived out today?  
The video speaks of levels of commitment. Where are you on this journey?

## VIDEO PRESENTATION



The Ten Commandments

The Great Commandment

The Great Commission

## USING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

As we live out the ministry of the baptized, we find direction through the five Baptismal Covenant promises. These promises are made at every baptism and we ask God's help in keeping these promises. For this class the following promises are particularly relevant:

First, third and fourth promises



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, continued

4. After hearing this new commandment, one of the lawyers asked Jesus to tell him who his neighbor was. Jesus responded with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Read this parable in Luke 10:5-37. Who is our neighbor? How can we be a good Samaritan today?

5. What is the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)? The Great Commission is our commission, too. What does it mean to be a disciple today?

6. Choose the Ten Commandments, the Great Commandment or the Great Commission and depict in a drawing.

## W R A P - U P

Through Christ's Great Commandment and Great Commission, we can more clearly understand the path God wants us to follow in our lives. Because we are members of a faith community, the church itself is an important part of our journey. Within the church, we develop strong relationships with others. Through our Christian family, we can more effectively put into practice the love and devotion God desires. This is not an easy task, and it is a lifelong journey.

## C L O S I N G P R A Y E R / H Y M N

The following selections can help us reflect on our discussions today. You may either read and pray or sing and pray your selection(s).

### *The Hymnal 1982*

#528 - Lord you give the Great Commission

#529 - In Christ there is no east or west

#564 - He who would valiant be

### *Wonder Love and Praise*

#778 - We all are one in mission

#779 - The church of Christ in every age

### *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#74 - Jesu, Jesu



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