

Scripture and Catechism Exercises 2023-2024

Exercise 2

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Old Testament

1. Read Joshua chapter 20.

(a) What was the purpose of the cities of refuge? (4)

(b) For how long should the refugee stay in the city of refuge? (1)

(c) Name the cities of refuge which were appointed. (6)

2. Read 1 Samuel chapter 8 and chapter 9:15-17.

(a) Why did the people demand that Samuel would provide them with a king? (3)

(b) Why was Samuel displeased? (1)

(c) What was the first thing that he did in response to their demand? (1)

(d) What did God tell Samuel to do? (2)

(e) Describe the price which the people were told they would have to pay if a King was to be set over them? (4)

(f) How did the people answer Samuel's warning? (1)

(g) Who was chosen to be their King? (1)

(h) What was special about him in comparison to others? (See beginning of chapter 9) (1)

New Testament

1. Read John chapter 9.

(a) What was wrong with the disciples' idea that the man's blindness was the result of some sin he had committed? (2)

(b) What physical act did Jesus do to cure the man's blindness? (2)

(c) When the Pharisees discovered the miracle, there was division of opinion. Explain each point of view and the reasoning behind them. (4)

(d) What question did the Pharisees put to the man's parents? (1)

(e) What was their reply and why did they answer in that way? (3)

(f) When the man was told that Jesus was a sinner, what was his reply – in your own words? (3)

(g) What did the Pharisees do to the man? (1)

(h) Describe what happened when Jesus found the man again. (4)

(i) Jesus used different ways when He restored sight to blind people. What does this teach us about how the Holy Spirit opens the spiritual eyes of sinners? (2)

Memory Exercise

Learn by heart and write out from memory the answer to Question 31 in the Shorter Catechism:
What is effectual calling? (3)

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