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## **2024 CLC Theme Verse For The Year:**

**“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”  
(Matthew 5:16)**

## **Catechism Focus For the Year: The Third Article. Of Sanctification**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; one holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***What does this mean?***

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.**

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/small-catechism/the-creed/#sc-creed-0003> )

## **OPTION ONE FOR BOARD DEVOTIONS:**

### ***Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017, CPH):***

Please use the section on *The Third Article (Part 1)* from *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* (2017, CPH) as one option for monthly board devotions on pages 195-204.

Read one or two questions and answers per board meeting and discuss what you learned.

For additional reading see: *Table Of Duties from Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* (2017, CPH) pages 33-36, 349-350 in the Appendix.



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## **OPTION TWO FOR BOARD DEVOTIONS:**

### **Theme Book of The Year on Sanctification:**

*“Faith That Shines In The Culture – Jesus Calls Christians to Live in the Family, the Church, and the State”*, by Alfonso Espinosa

#### **FEBRUARY Reading & Discussion:**

Preface and Introduction: Receiving and Reflecting Christ’s Light (pg. xv-15)

Introduction Discussion Guide (pg. 16-17)

#### **MARCH Reading & Discussion:**

Part I: Christ the Light of the World Calls Christians – Chapter 1: Christ’s Light upon Us (The Vertical Call) (pg. 18-34)

Chapter 1 Discussion Guide (pg. 36-37)

#### **APRIL Reading & Discussion:**

Part I: Christ the Light of the World Calls Christians – Chapter 2: Christ’s Light through Us (The Horizontal Calls Understood) (pg. 39-51)

Chapter 2 Discussion Guide (pg. 52-53)

Chapter 3: Christ’s Light through Us (The Horizontal Calls Experienced) (pg. 55-67)

Chapter 3 Discussion Guide (pg. 68-69)

#### **MAY Reading & Discussion:**

Part II: Christ’s Light for the World: The Three Estates -

Chapter 4: Christ’s Light in Three Estates (pg. 71-80)

Chapter 4 Discussion Guide (pg. 82-83)

Chapter 5: Christ’s Light upon Family, Church, and State (pg. 85-96)

Chapter 5 Discussion Guide (pg. 98-99)

#### **JUNE Reading & Discussion:**

Part III: Christ’s Light through Family Callings -

Chapter 6: Christ’s Light through Husband and Wife (pg. 101-113)

Chapter 6 Discussion Guide (pg. 114-115)

## **AUGUST Reading & Discussion:**

Chapter 7: Christ's Light through Parents and Children (pg. 117-129)

Chapter 7 Discussion Guide (pg. 130-131)

Chapter 8: Christ's Light through Singleness (pg. 133-141)

Chapter 8 Discussion Guide (pg. 142-143)

## **SEPTEMBER Reading & Discussion:**

Part IV: Christ's Light through Church Callings -

Chapter 9: Christ's Light through Pastors and Priesthood (pg. 145-157)

Chapter 9 Discussion Guide (pg. 158-159)

Chapter 10: Christ's Light through the Congregation and Friendship (pg. 161-172)

Chapter 10 Discussion Guide (pg. 174-175)

## **OCTOBER Reading & Discussion:**

Part V: Christ's Light through State Callings -

Chapter 11: Christ's Light through Citizens and Authorities (pg. 177- 191)

Chapter 11 Discussion Guide (pg. 192-193)

## **NOVEMBER Reading & Discussion:**

Chapter 12: Christ's Light through Citizens in the Greater Culture (pg. 195-215)

Chapter 12 Discussion Guide (pg. 216-217)

Conclusion: Saving Sanctification (pg. 219-222)



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