

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“Who is my neighbor?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to consider seriously the obligations of the seventh through tenth commandments and to apply them to our own lives
2. to focus our hearts on God as we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves
3. to share our love and our gifts with others generously.

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Cliques are prevalent among junior high school and high school students. Students of this age group often identify themselves by their peer group with both positive and negative results. Young people want to belong to a group that they most identify with, but cliques can ostracize students and lead to labeling and exclusion. Challenge the young people about who they welcome into their social network. How do they determine who is acceptable as a friend? Focus this challenge on the seventh through tenth commandments: what are the young peoples' obligations?

The commandments can be seen as tools for young people as they learn to love and accept their peers, sharing their love and gifts with those both inside and outside their social circles.

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