

# Family Together Card



**NEW CITY**

**Catechism**

## **This week we are on Question 18!**

This year as a whole church family we are doing the New City Catechism. A Catechism is just a way to learn truths about God together through questions and answers. There are books, Web and Mobile Apps to accompany it. The website is [www.newcitycatechism.com](http://www.newcitycatechism.com). Each question has a Bible verse, prayer, commentary (for adults) and song (aimed at kids) to accompany it!

This side has some questions for adults and teens to reflect on and the suggested prayer for this week. The other side has this week's question and answer on, it also has some ideas for families to use to think more about this week's topic.

- **How do you feel about God's anger towards sin?**
- **How do you feel that God will judge and punish those who do not turn to him?**
- **What would you say to someone who said to you "I can't stand thinking about a God who is angry and will punish people!"?**

Righteous Lord, if we think that we are good, we deceive ourselves. We deserve your wrath. We have broken your commands, and we have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds, and strength. We can only plead the righteousness of Christ and ask you to let our punishment fall on him.

Amen.



## Question:

**Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?**

## Answer:

**No, God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them both in this life, and in the life to come.**

### **To punish or not to punish**

Have some different scenarios of people who have broken the law. Explain the scenario to your children and ask if they think they should be punished and what the punishment should be. You could use:

- Someone drove 35mph in a 30mph zone.
- Someone broke into a bank and stole all the money
- Someone attacked and punched someone

Talk about some of the punishments you have in your house. Why do you have them? What are they? Talk about how all over the world and throughout history people have been punished for committing crimes.

### **Good to punish**

Give a scenario to you children, where the wrong person is punished for the crime. How does that make them feel. Talk about a scenario where no one is punished for a crime. How does that make them feel. It is unfair if the wrong person is punished and unfair if no one is punished. Talk about why it is good for people to be punished. Talk about how good God is to punish people, he won't let anyone get away with a crime, but he won't punish anyone who is innocent.