



CONFIRMING OUR CITIZENSHIP

FALL 2026

The purpose of this sermon and small group series is to explore what it means for us to be a kingdom people. We will be guided by Deuteronomy and in conversation with the classical catechetical trio of the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments as we explore the theme of citizenship through the dimensions of allegiance, imagination, and culture.

While this series is designed to stand alone, those who listen to the sermons, participate in the small group discussions, and read along with the *To Be A Christian* catechism will have done the bulk of adult confirmation preparation. They will need only to attend a half-day seminar on Anglican distinctives before being presented to the Bishop for confirmation.

Small Group Discussion Guides

We have produced guides that are designed to support 45-minute conversations each week. They focus on a passage from Deuteronomy, the assigned catechism reading, and an excerpt from a Christian author or classical text. Please remember that these are guides. You do not need to follow them slavishly.

Before the Meetings

- You should send the week's discussion guide to participants via email several days before the small group meeting so that they can prepare in advance.
- When you communicate with them, remind participants of the assigned catechism questions and ask them to bring a Bible and a printed copy of the discussion guide.
- Read through the guide ahead of time yourself and think about how it might best be utilized for your unique small group.
- Take some time to pray for your group and its conversation.

During the Meetings

- The minutes allotted in the guide are just recommendations for how to keep the discussion flowing.
- We have marked certain questions with asterisks to indicate that they are suggested priorities if you are pressed for time.
- We envision the leader's role as guiding conversation rather than teaching content.

- You do not have to go through all the catechism questions each week or quiz participants on them. That portion of the discussion is simply an opportunity for participants to share something they found interesting or encouraging.
- Sometimes questions will arise that you do not feel equipped to answer. That is ok. Use this as an opportunity to return to scripture and the catechism, or to refer people to the pastors for further conversation.

Concluding and Looking Back

Try to make time for the concluding activity at the end of each session. The goal of these moments is to allow participants to leave with a focus on some concrete practice. At the beginning of each subsequent session, you will want to return to the previous week's commitments to see how the group members experienced them. It's important, however, that this not be done in a legalistic way.