

The Law of Assurance

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



THE TENTH COMMANDMENT



1. “Don’t crave things”—this is one way to understand the Tenth Commandment. Sr. Joan adds, “Why is the final commandment concerned about such a seemingly small thing?” Really, is this the way to finish ticking off God’s best advice? Well, maybe. Begin your discussion by describing the things you crave. Just go for it—no need to be reluctant. Make a list.

2. We’ve heard all of our lives that we ought to “pursue” God. What does this idea mean to you? Consider the claim made by many religious traditions that God is everywhere. If that is so, or if it is believed, what sense do you make of “pursue God?” Ask it another way. What is it that you long for the most? Don’t think you have to say it out loud—just think, in your own mind, about what it is. Assume for the moment that the Creator of the universe desires for you to have the thing you long for the most. Can you expect any help in achieving what you most long for?

3. Take it at face value that the Tenth Commandment is meant to summarize all of the previous nine. What “good news” do you find here? What do you think will satisfy your cravings? What will you do for the rest of your life about your cravings? Sr. Joan calls the Tenth Commandment “The Law of Assurance.” Do you find assurance here?