

# Greater

## Scope and Sequence

WEEK/PART	SESSION	MAIN POINTS
1. Greater Love	1.1 Jesus Desires Relationship with Us	1. God's love for us is unlimited, unconditional, and absolute. 2. God wants us to love Him, not out of fear, but because He is our Father. 3. You don't have to be perfect to have a relationship with Jesus.  Scripture: Jesus heals the Gerasene - Luke 8:26-39
	1.2 God's Promises	1. The desire for God is written on the human heart - CCC 27 2. We were created to be face to face with God but sin make us turn away 3. Story of salvation history - man has always turned away from God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam and Eve</li> <li>Noah</li> <li>Abraham</li> <li>Moses</li> <li>David</li> <li>Prophets</li> </ol> 4. Incarnation was always the plan to bridge the gap between heaven and earth made by sin. 5. It is our choice to say yes and engage in relationship with God and turn back to Him  Challenge: Read the book of Mark and pray with the different encounters, miracles, and works of Jesus. What does each one reveal about the heart of God the Father?
	1.3 Jesus is Real	1. Sacramentally - John 6 - "eat my flesh, drink my blood" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baptism -               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calling into relationship with Jesus - Call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Reconciliation -               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encounter of repentance - Zaccheus</li> <li>He repents AND builds relationship with Jesus</li> <li>See life change happen</li> </ol> </li> <li>Eucharist - Road to Emmaus</li> </ol>

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2. Greater Power	2.1 Holy Spirit - Origin Story	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity</li> <li>2. The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son</li> <li>3. He was not created by the Father or the Son, but has always existed</li> <li>4. Evidence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Creation - the Spirit of God passed over the waters</li> <li>b. Ezekiel and the dry bones                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Holy Spirit is so powerful that He can not only raise bones from the dead, but recreate and reanimate them into living people</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	2.2 Holy Spirit - On Fire	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Holy Spirit is misunderstood</li> <li>2. The Holy Spirit is proof that God wants more for us</li> <li>3. Holy Spirit in the New Testament               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Annunciation</li> <li>b. Jesus' baptism</li> <li>c. Last Supper                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. Post resurrection</li> <li>e. Acts</li> <li>f. Pentecost</li> <li>g. Peter's speech</li> <li>h. Works of the apostles</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The Holy Spirit doesn't change               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We receive the same Holy Spirit that the apostles received and that was present in the Old Testament.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	2.3 Holy Spirit - Alive and In Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Holy Spirit is active in your life</li> <li>2. Confirmation is a sacrament               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An outward sign of an inward change</li> <li>b. Not graduation</li> <li>c. Descent of the Holy Spirit upon you</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The gifts of the Holy Spirit               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Not something to be feared</li> <li>b. Not something to be hidden away</li> <li>c. All the gifts are given to everyone, but the manifestation of gifts look different in everyone.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How to use your gifts</li> </ol>



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3. Greater Living	3.1 What is a Disciple?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is a disciple               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A personal follower of Jesus who accepts the invitation to belong to God's family and to live in conformity with His way of life. (CCC 2233)</li> <li>b. One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another, like Christianity</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Holiness is HARD! - but so WORTH IT!!!               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Holiness is like building muscles</li> <li>b. Practice</li> <li>c. Pray - the most important thing you will ever do                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. God doesn't NEED us, but WANTS us</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. It is hard to accept what God wants us to do, but what He offers us is better than anything we could ever want for ourselves.</li> <li>4. Overcoming roadblocks and distraction               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Practical - how to's</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	3.2 Striving for Holiness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be your authentic self               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have one fully integrated life</li> <li>b. Not a separate faith life and a "real" life</li> <li>c. Jesus can't love the you you pretend to be because that's not real.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Strive for holiness, not perfection</li> <li>3. Look to the Saints for examples of holiness               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. St. Perpetua</li> <li>b. Mother Teresa</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	3.3 Living It	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Live your daily life well.</li> <li>2. How do you give your yes to God?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In your daily life</li> <li>b. Repeatedly</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Healthy habits of a disciple               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pray daily</li> <li>b. Go to confession</li> <li>c. Practice self care</li> <li>d. Always keep learning</li> <li>e. Set a prayer routine</li> <li>f. Prioritize your faith life</li> <li>g. Keep trying</li> <li>h. Listen</li> <li>i. Be accountable</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. God's grace is always being poured out on us</li> </ol>

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Greater Mission	4.1 Experiencing a Personal Pentecost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Great Commission               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Matthew 28: 16-20</li> <li>b. Heart and mission of the Church</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What is Pentecost               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pentecost is the beginning of the Church and the beginning for all of us as disciples getting to live out the Great Commission.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How to prepare for Confirmation               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pray to the Holy Spirit</li> <li>b. Choose a sponsor that's living out the faith regularly</li> <li>c. Pray for your confirmation saint</li> <li>d. Allow your service hours to help you grow on your relationship with God</li> <li>e. Go to confession.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	4.2 Unrepeatable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You are unrepeatable               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Unique physical AND spiritual DNA</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. We are many parts, but all one body               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We are all needed with our unique charisms and strengths</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ask for the gifts you need</li> <li>b. Ask for what the Holy Spirit wants to give you</li> <li>c. God does not want to give you a gift that's going to tear you down</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Greater mission               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How are you being sent out?</li> <li>b. How can you evangelize to your friends and family?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	4.3 Am I Doing it Right?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fruits of the Holy Spirit               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Just for our own personal experience                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Love</li> <li>ii. Joy</li> <li>iii. Peace</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. For the way we deal with others                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Patience</li> <li>ii. Kindness</li> <li>iii. Goodness</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Help us live lives of holiness                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Faithfulness</li> <li>ii. Gentleness</li> <li>iii. Self-control</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit show up in our life when we are responding to God's will in our life.</li> </ol>