

The Church in Germany, Europe and the U.S.

The German government expects an estimated 3.6 million refugees to arrive in the country by 2020.

The German Ministry for Economic Affairs expects 500,000 migrants to arrive every year from 2016 to 2020.

Germany has become a key destination for hundreds of thousands of refugees and immigrants fleeing war and poverty.

The country's interior ministry estimates that Germany received around 1.1 million migrants last year alone.

Nearly all of the 1.1 million migrants come from countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

According to the German Interior Ministry, nearly 6,000 refugee children went missing last year.

Prayer Points:

Pray...

- for the church in Germany, surrounding Europe, and the United States to see this immigration crisis from a Biblical perspective.
- for Christians to engage the refugees with the Gospel of Jesus.
- for the church throughout the world to mobilize and send missionaries to parts of Europe where the immigrant crisis is occurring.
- for the protection of refugee children and women against those who seek to do harm.
- the church would seize the opportunity to reach millions of people from unreached people groups that were once very difficult to access, but are now residing in easily accessible western Europe.

Catechism

49 Q. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor they cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

50 Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself (Lev. 19:30; Deut. 5:12).

51 Q. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days (Lev. 23:3), and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship (Ps. 92:1-2; Isa. 58:13-14), except so much as is taken up in the works of necessity and mercy (Matt. 12:11-12).

52 Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”

53 Q. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honour, and performing the duties belonging to every one in their various positions and relationships as superiors (Eph. 5:21-22; Eph. 6:1, 5; Rom. 13:1), inferiors (Eph. 6:9), or equals (Rom. 12:10).

54 Q. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity — as far as it shall serve for God’s glory, and their own good — to all such as keep this commandment (Eph. 6:2-3).

55 Q. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, “Thou shalt not kill.”

56 Q. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life (Acts 16:28), or the life of our neighbour unjustly (Gen. 9:6), or whatever tends to it (Prov. 24:11-12).

57 Q. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

58 Q. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts (Matt. 5:28; Col. 4:6), words (Eph. 5:4; 2 Tim. 2:22), and actions (Eph. 5:3).

59 Q. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, “Thou shalt not steal.”

60 Q. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatever does or may unjustly hinder our own (1 Tim. 5:8; Prov. 28:19; Prov. 21:6), or our neighbour’s wealth, or outward estate (Eph. 4:28).