

A Faith to Live By

An Independent Study of the
Westminster Confession of Faith

How to use this study guide effectively each week:

1. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would use the week's material to increase your knowledge of God and His Word. (see Psalm 119:1-8)
2. **Read the Confession of Faith** (WCF) sections listed. Read the proof texts too.
3. **Memorize the Scripture** verse(s) listed.
(Sometimes they may not line up with the particular WCF sections, but they all build to give good memory references for the overall chapter.)
4. **Work through the discussion questions.**
It is best to write down your answers.
The questions may sometimes be difficult. Think, pray, ponder. Don't worry if you don't have answers to everything! We will discuss at our monthly meeting.
Our main goal is thoughtfulness on the matters of God's Word, not getting everything right or clear the first time through.
5. **Come to the monthly discussion** prepared to interact with the material.

February

“We do not for a moment think that we are able to ‘define’ God, in any limiting sense... What we want to do is to rejoice in God’s character with as much depth as we are able, so that we may better reflect his image, give him much glory, and enjoy him forever.”

—Chad Van Dixhoorn, *Confessing the Faith*

Week 1 (2/6)

- Read: WCF 2.1

- Memorize: Deut. 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

- Study questions:

- How does the oneness of the Trinity fundamentally contradict relativism (the claim that we each have our own God)?

- How does God’s being a spirit affect our worship of Him?

- What are some ways that the Bible clearly distinguishes between the Creator and the creature? Why is this important? How is it helpful?

- What do the works of God reveal about His character?

Week 2 (2/13)

- Read: WCF 2.2

- Memorize: Acts 17:24-25

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

- Study questions:

- What are different ways in which God is ‘unto Himself all-sufficient’?

- What is the difference between God’s ‘deriving’ glory from His creatures and His ‘manifesting His own glory in, by, unto and upon them’?

- Read Daniel 4:25-35. What can we learn from Nebuchadnezzar about the danger of not recognizing God’s sovereignty?

Week 3 (2/20)

- Read: WCF 2.3

- Memorize: Matt. 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Study questions:

- What are four ways in which the three persons of the Trinity are one?

- Suggest a practical way that your worship and prayers can reflect both the ‘oneness’ and the ‘three-ness’ of your triune God.

- Read 1 Peter 1:2. From that verse, what role does each person of the Trinity play in the redemption of God’s people?

Week 4 (2/27)

- No reading this week.
- Catch up or work ahead on reading.
- Review memorization from January and February!

Monthly Discussion: Thursday, March 3 @ 7:00pm