

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

Week 1 (2/4)

- Read: WCF 21.1-2

- Memorize: Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

- Study questions:

Section 1

1. Why is God to be “feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served”?
2. In what ways is the light of nature (general revelation) insufficient?
3. Who is the only one who can tell us how to worship God? How does he tell us?
4. What does it mean that worship is “limited by His own revealed will”? Describe the particular limitations the paragraph lists.

Section 2

5. Why is it significant that the Divines tell us that worship is given to all three members of the Trinity?
6. Why can we not worship God without a Mediator? Why must it be Christ alone?

Week 2 (2/11)

- Read: WCF 21.3-4
- Memorize: Psalm 65:2
O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
- Study questions:

Section 3

7. Why does paragraph 3 say that prayer “is by God required of all men”?

8. What makes prayer acceptable to God?

Section 4

9. What are we to pray for?

10. What are we not to pray for?

11. Why should we not pray for the dead?

Week 3 (2/18)

- Read: WCF 21.5-6

- Memorize: 1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

- Study questions:

Section 5

12. What are the regular parts of public worship?

Section 6

13. Why do the Divines say that the parts of worship are not tied to any particular place?

14. Paragraph 6 lays out other opportunities for worship besides public worship. What are they?

Week 4 (2/25)

- Read: WCF 21.7-8
- Memorize: Isaiah 58:13-14

If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

- Study questions:

Section 7

15. What is the ground of (reason for) the Sabbath?

16. Is the Sabbath to be observed by all people?

17. Why was the Sabbath moved to the first day of the week?

Section 8

18. How do we keep the Sabbath holy?

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