

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.

June

Week 1 (6/9)

- Read: WCF 24.1-2

- Memorize: Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- Study questions:

Section 1

1. What do you perceive to be the world's understanding or value or marriage?

2. What is the purpose of marriage? (three)

3. With these purposes in mind, what should be our attitude toward marriage?

Week 2 (6/16)

- Read: WCF 24.3-4

- Memorize: Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

- Study questions:

Section 3

6. Who is allowed to get married?

7. What caveats do the divines put on this?

8. What is consanguinity?

Week 3 (6/23)

- Read: WCF 24.5-6

- Memorize: Matthew 5:32

But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

- Study questions:

Section 4

8. What is divorce? Is it ever a good thing?

9. When is it permitted for a married couple to divorce?

10. “Irreconcilable differences” is a common excuse for divorce these days. Is “irreconcilable differences” a permissible reason to divorce?

Monthly Discussion: Thursday, July 4 @ 7:00pm