

# **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.

## August

### Week 1 (8/4)

- Read: WCF 26.1

- Memorize: 1 John 3:16

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

- Study questions:

### Section 1

1. What is it to have fellowship in Jesus Christ's graces? Sufferings? Death? Resurrection? Glory?

2. What does it mean that saints have communion in each other's gifts and grace?

3. What are we obligated to perform toward one another?

Week 2 (8/11)

- Read: WCF 26.2

- Memorize: Acts 2:42

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

- Study questions:

Section 2

4. What does it mean that some of our binding together is “by profession”?

5. In our communion, what must we maintain together?

Week 3 (8/18)

- Read: WCF 26.3
- Memorize: Col. 1:18-19 *And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
- Study questions:

Section 3

6. What qualification to our union with Christ is given in this paragraph?

7. What qualification to our union with one another is given in this paragraph?

**Monthly Discussion: Thursday, September 5 @ 7:00pm**