

## **Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC)**

### **Women's Thursday Bible Study**

#### **I. Introductory thoughts** - general thoughts on creeds, confessions, catechisms

Study helps I will be using

#### **A. Historical background to the Westminster Assembly of divines (1643-1649)**

1. Who convened and why?

-some history of the time in England

2. What did they accomplish?

3. Why 2 catechisms?

4. Summary - classic Reformed Puritan theology

#### **B. What is its value and purpose for us today in 2020?**

1. Unity
2. Standard
3. Written, well ordered statement of " what we believe"
4. For religious instruction

**C. Overview of the Larger Catechism (LC) - 196 questions, answers**

1. # 1. Man 's chief end
2. # 2-6. Foundation - the Scriptures
3. # 6-90 what man is to believe
4. # 91-196 what duty God requires of man

**D. Personal goal(s) you might want to set for yourself**

E. Class format we will use.

**For discussion:**

Do you personally have any reservations about studying the LC?

What huge shift has taken place from that time to our time concerning church/state relations?

**Next week:**

We will cover # 1-6.

You will find it helpful to read them, think about and look up and read the Scripture references. Jot down any questions you have.

What is the glory of God?

How do we glorify God?

What can we learn from creation (natural revelation )about God?

What can we not learn without special revelation?