

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) 2020-2021

Women's Thursday Bible Study-#2

Reminders- folder of some sort would be helpful

Prayer - Dawn T. from Valley of Vision

I. Review from last lesson

LC #1 read - What is man's chief end?

Summary quote

Man's lofty aim and high purpose

GOD's Word Our Rule

LC # 2-5

#2 How doth it appear that there is a God?

Natural revelation

Rom. 1:19-20

Rom. 2:14-16

Ps. 19:1-3

So what can we learn from creation and what do we know innately?

So this renders man accountable, responsible.....Yet.....

Special revelation - supernatural

I Cor.2:9-10 *II Tim. 3:16-17 Is. 59:21

#3 What is the Word of God?

II Tim. 3: 16 inspiration

*II Pet. 1:19-21 (helpful to know inspiration here refer to initiative)

Eph. 2:20

Rev. 22:18-19

Is. 8:20

Lk.16:29-31

Gal: 1:8-9

Break for discussion: questions to prompt and guide

- Why are the Scriptures our only rule of faith and obedience(practice)? Why not our conscience, or tradition, or
- Is the New Testament more fully or truly the Word of God than the Old Testament? Luke 24:25-27,32
- If we think of our Christian belief as a building, what part of the building would the answer to LC#3 be?
- So today in 2020, where do we find God speaking to us?

The Bible is :

Authoritative

Inspired

Sufficient

Preserved

Eternal - abides forever

#4. How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

WOW

I Cor. 2:6-7,13-14 / Ps. 119:18,129 the majesty

Ps. 12:6 / 119:140 the purity

Acts 10:42-43 / 26:22 the consent of all the parts

Rom. 3:19,27 the scope as a whole

Acts 18:28 / Heb 4:12 / Ps. 19: 7-9ff / Rom. 15:4 / Acts 20:32 / John 20:31 the power of the Scriptures to convert and edify

John 16:13-14 / I John 2: 20,27 the witness of the Holy Spirit in the heart

Break for discussion:

Do you understand that every part of Scripture is to be understood in the light of the analogy of the whole?

Are there parts of Scripture that are not equally plain or alike clear to all of us?

"The infallible rule for the interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself, and the supreme judge in matters of religion is the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures."

(Francis Beattie- The Pres. Standards)

LC #5 What do the Scriptures principally teach?

II Tim. 1:13 /*3:15-17

Deut. 10:12-13

John 20:31

Acts 16:30-31

Why is belief mentioned before duty?

Is belief the root and determiner of life ? Discuss. Back up your answer with Scripture.

Next week:

Move ahead to next section , The Nature of God, LC # 6-11, which should take at least two weeks. Look up and be amazed at all the Scriptures about God!

