



Trinity Bible Project Week 44

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Confession

To confess is to speak the truth about something. A villain confesses his crimes. A Christian confesses the faith, often through the creeds which define, defend and declare the truth about God. But here, we confess the plight of humanity. We confess that something is not quite right! We hear bad news from media outlets about crime and hate. We experience in our relationships that we just don't always get it right. We hear of gun violence, rebellion and rejection of authority, abuse of power, and all manner of brokenness. Yes, it is easy to see that things just are not quite right. This is what we confess! This is the truth that we speak about. And this truth isn't just about sin that has infected the world. No, this sin has infected me. I am not quite right, just as humanity is not quite right! We are sinful from the time that we are conceived (Ps 51:5). If we want to believe that we are good and that we do not sin, we speak a lie and truth is not in us (1 Jn 1:8-9). Rather, we speak this truth so that we might receive mercy from those whom we speak it to! When we confess our sins and transgressions to another, they are able to give us mercy and forgive us (Prov 28:13)! When we speak the truth of our brokenness, sins, transgressions and iniquity (guilt) to God He is faithful to forgive and cleans us from forms of unrighteousness by removing them as far as the east is from the west (Ps 103:12). So, each week in worship we speak the truth about our need for God's mercy. Each day we confess that we are sinners. And every time we do, our God forgives us because of Jesus Christ!

Getting Started (10 min/week): Take time to discuss things that are not right in your life and how sin has corrupted all of humanity.

Growing Deeper (10 min/day): Read through catechism questions 325-329.

Leading Well In your small group, discuss the following: Discuss why it is important to speak the truth about sin. Why is it important for the Christian to then eagerly speak the truth about forgiveness? Take time to read through and discuss the penitential Psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143).

Weekly Readings: Sunday, Acts 9-10; Monday, Deuteronomy 4-6; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 25-28; Wednesday, Psalms 122-124; Thursday, Ecclesiastes 1-2; Friday, Habakkuk; Saturday, James 1-3



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“And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgement has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”
Revelation 14:7

Sola Gratia, Sola Fidei, Sola Scriptura

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it- the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”
Romans 3:21-24

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