

# **Sermon Discussion Guide**

# A Good Confession

## Covenant

#### Warm-Up Questions:

- Have you ever been in a long distance relationship? What were some of the difficulties involved?
- What is it about God that pleases him to condescend, to cross the distance to us?

#### Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### I. Covenant: Defined (Jer. 31:31-31)

- What is a covenant? How would you define or explain it?
- The Bible tells the story of God's relentless pursuit of his covenant people, despite their unfaithfulness. Thinking about your own life, how have you seen God relentlessly pursue you personally?

#### II. Covenant: <u>Tension</u> (Jer. 31:32; Ex. 19:3-6; Jud. 2:1)

- According to the passages above, is the covenant God made with Israel conditional, or unconditional? What tension do you see?
- Is your conscience "too loose" or "too tight"? Do you personally struggle with legalism or relativism?

#### III. Covenant: Fullness (Jer. 31:32-33; 34b; Gal. 3:13; 1 Cor. 11:25)

- What is new about the new covenant?
- How has love changed your attitude towards obedience?
- What does the death of Christ teach us about the importance of God's law?

## **Going Deeper:**

Read and discuss questions 30-35 of The Westminster Larger Catechism, along with some of the Scripture proofs. Then, as a group:

- Spend time summarizing/rewording the question and answer
- Discuss how the Scripture proofs support the answer

### **Action:**

- Spend time this week praying that God would recalibrate your heart through love, making obedience a delight.
- Reflect on the wonder that the Triune God allows you to call him your God, to have a claim on him.