



Sermon Discussion Guide

A Good Confession

Conversion

Warm-Up Questions:

- How did you come to know Jesus? When did your relationship with God begin?

Read Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:3-6

I. Conversion: A Serious Problem (Rom. 1:18-19, 21-22, 8:7; Eph. 2:1)

- What's the "problem" with conversion (Rom. 1:28-19)? Why doesn't giving people more facts about the truth solve the problem?
- Describe our spiritual state before we become Christians (Rom. 8:7, Eph. 2:1-2).
- What were you like before you were converted?

II. Conversion: An Ancient Love (Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:3-5)

- Who is conversion up to (Jn. 6:44, 15:5, 16, Rom. 8:29)?
- When did God choose you (Jer. 1:5a, Eph. 1:4-5)? How does this make you feel?
- Do you struggle with the fact that conversion is God's decision ("predestination")? How would you respond to those who think it isn't fair that God chooses some but not all?
- How might the fact that God is the one who converts give us comfort and hope?

III. Conversion: A Regenerating Power (John 3:3, 6:44; Rom. 8:30)

- What happens inwardly when we are converted (Ez. 36:26, John 3:3, 6:44-45, Rom. 8:30, Acts 16:14, Titus 3:5)?

Going Deeper:

Read and discuss chapters 9-10 of The Westminster Confession, along with some of the Scripture proofs. Then, as a group:

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

Action:

- Spend time this week praying for someone you love who doesn't know Jesus.
- If you are not converted, ask that God would transform your will and to give you a desire to know and serve him.

