

Fall '08 Catechism Class

Week 1 · 21-Sep-08 · Harvest Community Church

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Review from last week:

1. In what country did the Westminster Assembly take place?
2. Who called for the Assembly?
3. What phrase in 2Tim 1:13 describes what a catechism is?
4. Why not “just read the Bible”? Some questions to help you answer this one... Who is the best Bible interpreter? What, then, is the best way to understand any individual Bible passage? But how can you start understanding difficult passages if you haven't read the whole Bible; what has God done to help people like Timothy AND YOU know the Bible—and therefore KNOW GOD—better? So then... why not “just read the Bible”?

Q1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Definitions...

CHIEF

END

MAN

The Lord's Day is a great day for memorizing Scripture. Here are some Bible verses that you can memorize this afternoon. You may find an activity that is rhythmic, such as swinging or walking, helpful to your memorizing.

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ... 1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ... Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ... Habakkuk 3:17-18 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

(all translations from the ESV)

Use this space to **list other verses or passages** that we mention in class today. **Spend some time with a parent, grandparent, or other older Christian today talking about one or more of these passages.** Ask them what kind of difference these ideas have made in their lives, and ask for advice on how they might make a difference in yours:

Be doers and not just hearers... would you look in the mirror, see that there's a glob of jelly in your eyebrow, then walk away and do nothing about it? That's what **James 1:22** says we are like if we just hear and don't do. **Rom 2:13** tells us that we've got no reason to think God has saved us if all we ever "do" with God's word is "hear" it.

RESOLUTION TO BE A DOER

I _____ (your name), in light of what I have learned from the Bible, in our discussion of *WSC Q&A 1* on the 21st of September, 2008, hereby resolve that for the rest of my life I will _____

_____. In the coming week, I will demonstrate this resolve by taking the following action:

This space reserved for sanctified doodling in which I will continue to pay good attention and randomly write down words and ideas from the discussion to aid future recall. I understand that doodlers will be first to be called upon to answer questions and contribute to discussion, as they are demonstrating such diligence as to engage in such mnemonically enhancing behaviors.

For next week:

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

Suggested family devotions (or supplemental devotions) for the week: *Training Hearts and Teaching Minds*, pp13-15
Suggested songs for family devotions: "The B-I-B-L-E" · "How Firm a Foundation" · Psalm 119:129-136 (*Trinity Psalter*)
Suggested memory work: **2Tim 3:16-17, 1Jn 1:3-5, Rev 22:18-19, 2Pet 1:19-21, 1Thess 2:13, Psalm 119:11, Deut 4:2**

[word games and activities coming to this space—i.e. more pages—soon]