## **CONFESSING THE FAITH**

Whoever believes and confesses Jesus is the Resurrected Lord will be saved. This saving faith primarily comes through the preaching of God's Word.

- I. Case Study: The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:16-34)
- II. Christ Saves: The Confession of Saving Faith (10:9-13)
  - A. Confess with Your Mouth, "Jesus is Lord" (10:9-10)
  - B. Believe with Your Heart, "God Raised Jesus from the Dead" (10:9-10)
  - C. Call on the Name of the Lord for Salvation (10:13; Joel 2:32)
- III. Christ Sends: Preaching Is God's Primary Means of Salvation (10:14-15)
  - A. The Necessity of Preaching (10:14-15, 17; Acts 8:31; Isaiah 52:7)
  - B. The Power of Preaching (1:16; Heb 4:12; 1 Thes 2:13; 1 Pet 1:23; 2:2)

WSC 89: How is the word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

WSC 90: How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation? That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

<u>Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):</u>

- 1. How would you respond to a neighbor who asks you, "How can I be saved?"
- 2. What role does preaching play in evangelism?
- 3. How can you as an ordinary believer support the preaching of the gospel?