

# Evangelism: Adult Sunday School Series

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## Lesson 3

### *Evangelism and the Confession of Faith*

#### I. What has evangelism to do with the Westminster Confession of Faith?

##### A. Theological Resource

1. Evangelism as Apologetics.
2. How do you defend a faith you do not understand?
3. We seek to evangelize not with a truncated faith, but a full faith.

##### B. Examples

1. Excuses will come! What about God and evil?
2. See sections on God, creation, the fall, and providence.
3. Am I sinner? See sections on the Ten Commandments.
  - a. WSC.
  - b. Heidelberg Catechism.

#### II. Where do we “put” the Confession in the church? Two options:

##### A. In the “basement.”

1. The confessions says some hard things.
2. Unbelievers do not like hard things.
3. We want to attract unbelievers to evangelize them.
4. Therefore, don't let them know about the confession up-front, save for later.

##### B. At the “front door.”

1. The block house approach to evangelism.
2. Begin with a foundation of mere Christianity, put heavy blocks on later (see II.A.d).
3. From the beginning, we presuppose the system of doctrine known as “reformed.”
4. Up-front from the beginning, no bait-and-switch.
5. Qualifier: Does not mean we dump it all on at once, or begin with difficult doctrines.