## **Confessing Christ**

Scripture: Luke 12:8-12

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, September 30, 2018

## **Overview**



Some people say that a "real disciple of Christ" is a perfect disciple. Others say it does not matter. Whether we struggle with our faith through extended seasons or only for quick moments, all of us have struggled from time to time. From not boldly proclaiming the Gospel to lacking repentance over our sin, none of us are free from the temptation to deny Christ in word or in deed. **Jesus calls us to confess and helps us to continue.** 

Thankfully, we have a Savior who gave of himself to claim us as his own.

## **Corroborating Texts**

Romans 10:9–10; 1 John 2:22–23; Romans 1:28; Proverbs 3:5–6; Revelation 3:5; Luke 22:54–62; Matthew 15:7–9, 21–23; Acts 3:19; 1 John 2:9; 2 Corinthians 7:10; John 14:26; Exodus 4:12; Acts 4:8

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Is it easier to acknowledge Christ in public or in private? When have you struggled to acknowledge Christ? Why was it difficult?
- 2. In what ways do you confess God in word and/or in deed?
- 3. What is the big deal about Jesus claiming us before angels/witnesses? [this is our eternity and identity]
- 4. What confidence do we have as those claimed by Christ? How does being claimed by Christ impact our worship?
- 5. What is **denying Christ**? [continual rejection of Jesus] Where do we find forgiveness and mercy for our sporadic failures for not claiming Christ? What is **blasphemy of the Holy Spirit**? [persistent resistance of Christ's words and works] How is this different than failing in a moment?
- 6. How is faith a real-world application? In what areas of your life might you not acknowledge Christ? Where in your life is Jesus not Lord?