**The God Who Is (November 28, 2021)**

**“The God Who Pursues Us”**

**OPENING QUESTION:**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

**READ Genesis 3:9-19**

1. The Fall (Genesis 3) is addressed in the Westminster Confession (art. 6:1-4):

“By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.”

What are the consequences concerning mankind implied from the Westminster Confession?

2. Using Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 6:23 and any other scriptures, explain why we need to be pursued by God.

3. From Genesis 3:8-19 identify the ways the lives of “the man” and “the woman” changed because of their sin?

4. Because of their sin “the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God...” (Genesis 3:8). How does God respond to this? What does this tell you about God and His love for His people?

5. Recall from the Bible other incidents where people evaded, fled or hid from God, yet He pursued them.

6. What do the following scriptures mean to you concerning “The God Who Pursues Us”?

2 Chronicles 16:9

Luke 15:3-10

Luke 19:10