

Questions for Further Reflection – Book of Confessions (Introduction):

1. Why is it important for us to have something that helps identify what we believe, how we should interpret and study the Scriptures, and define the margins within which we practice our faith? What are standards in your mind?
2. What benefits do you see in the fact that confessions are usually written as a response to some external factor, either a challenge to the faith or a cultural situation? What drawbacks might this present?
3. What does it mean to you that our ancestors get a vote in how we interpret Scripture? Why do you think it might be good to listen to what our theological ancestors have to say about faith & life? What pitfalls might there be in listening to what our theological ancestors have to say about faith & life?
4. In your own words, what is the difference between a creed, a confession, and a catechism?
5. How familiar are you currently with the Book of Confessions? Are you excited, indifferent, or unhappy to study the confessions? Why?
6. Other than the Apostles' Creed, which confession are you the most familiar with? Which one are you the least familiar with?