

I BELIEVE

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I Believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son

SUMMARY:

In this series we will be journeying through the Apostles' Creed. This is an ancient statement of faith which goes through the essential truths of Christianity. It is a map that leads us home. It is a compass that gives us direction back to the heart of our faith.

This week we are focused on "I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son..." Central to our faith is the belief that Jesus is 100% human and 100% God. He is God *with* us and *for* us. He acts as the mediator between us and God the Father and lived a perfect, obedient life on our behalf. As a result, we are empowered to live holy lives because Jesus is the Life that indwells us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Before going through the questions, take some time to read the Apostles' Creed in its entirety. Have you heard or read this creed before? What stands out to you?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,*

*the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.*

Read John 1:1 and John 1:14.

- Who was in the beginning? What do these words remind you of?
- “Word” in these verses refers to Jesus (*logos* in the original Greek). Why is it significant that Jesus was in the beginning with God?
- The word “dwelt” in verse 14 refers to the word for “tabernacled.” In the Old Testament, the Israelites set up a tabernacle where God would temporarily dwell. Where does verse 14 say God now dwells?

Read John 8:58-59.

- What two words does Jesus use to describe Himself in verse 58?
- What did the people around him do as a result of what He said?
- Why did they pick up stones? What is the significance of what Jesus is saying when He calls Himself, “I am.” (*You can refer back to Exodus 3:14 and Leviticus 24:16*)

Read 1 Timothy 2:2-6.

- Who does God desire to be saved?
- In what way does Jesus act as Mediator?

Read Romans 5:18-19.

- What happens to us as a result of the obedience of Jesus?
- How does this truth change the way you view yourself and view others?

Read Galatians 2:20.

- When you say yes to Jesus, who lives in you?
- What step towards holiness is God calling you to take and how does He empower you to do so?

SOUL TATTOO: Believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

ACTION STEP: Pray over Outdoor Baptism at Lake Wylie & Thursday night service.