

# I BELIEVE

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE APOSTLES' CREED

## I Believe in the Victory of the Cross

### 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 the victory of the cross." Central to the Christian faith is the belief that King Jesus defeated sin, death, and the powers of darkness, which allows Christ-followers to walk in victory in Christ and share in the life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Through the cross, we get to experience God's grace, love, provision, increased resources, and discipleship.

### 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 Colossians 2:13-15.

- According to this passage, why are we spiritually dead?
- How are we made alive?

Read Matthew 6:21.

- Pause and reflect on your life. What do you consider to be treasure?
- Do you find this verse encouraging or challenging? Pray and ask God to reveal the areas where you need to treasure Him more.

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.

- According to this verse, what does it mean to be made “rich”?
- What’s the difference between being monetarily rich and the type of richness we receive from Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

- What does it look like to be a cheerful giver?
- What is one step you can take this week to be more generous?

Read Matthew 6:33.

- What does it look like for you to seek God first?
- What does this verse say will be provided for you?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-9.

- According to this verse, what does God provide for us?
- What do these verses call us to do with what God provides?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10.

- Do you feel the pressure to be a provider in your life?
- How does God's generosity encourage your generosity? Share a time in your life when you experienced God's generosity.

Read Hebrews 11:4.

- Why was Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's? (*You can read about this account in Genesis 4:3-5*)
- What is your motivation to give generously? Do you give in faith, or are you giving out of obligation? Which do you think God calls us to?

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**SOUL TATTOO: Believe in the victory of the cross**

**ACTION STEP: Participate in a deeper level of discipleship, "Because People Matter to God, They Matter to Us."**