

I BELIEVE

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I Believe in the Resurrection

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 resurrection..." The resurrection of Jesus is central to our faith. It is because Jesus rose from the dead that we too raise from the dead and have new life in Christ. We worship Jesus, the world's true Lord, who gives the dead resurrected life, gives us resurrected power today, gives us a resurrected identity, gives us resurrected future hope, and gives us a resurrected mission to reach the lost. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us and gives us new life and power for today and the future.

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 11:25.

- This verse shows a conversation Jesus had with Martha after her brother, Lazarus, had died. He confirms to her that Lazarus will live, along with all who believe in Jesus. In what ways do we experience new life?
- Jesus says that all who believe in Him will live forever in the new heavens and the new earth. (You can read more about this in Revelation 21:1-4.) He then asks Martha if she believes this. What would your response to this question be?

Read Romans 1:2-4.

- In what way did Jesus show that He is the Son of God?
- What power raised Jesus from the dead?
- How do you think you would have reacted to the news of Jesus' resurrection had you lived in that time?

Read Ephesians 1:19-21.

- This verse says that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us. Knowing this incredible truth, how does this change your perspective with struggles you may be facing?
- What do you think God wants you to do with this power?

Read Colossians 3:1-4.

- According to these verses, what should we think about? Why?
- What does it mean to be hidden in Christ?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5.

- What does it look like to live with "great expectation"? How does this posture of the heart change your approach to life?

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

- This passage of Scripture is known as the Great Commission and it's a mission to which we are all called. In what ways are you participating in God's mission to reach the lost?
- Who is someone you can invite to join you for next Sunday's service?

SOUL TATTOO: Believe in the resurrection.

ACTION STEP: Pray for TC Lake Wylie & Thursday Night service.