

Sermon Discussion Guide

I Believe: Week 2

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Main Ideas

This week, we examined the first stanza of the Apostles' Creed, focused on the person and work of the Father. In describing the Father as almighty creator, we affirm God as the source of creation, and of creation itself as a gift from Him. All that we have is a gift given from a loving Father and a reminder of the power that He has.

Icebreaker Question

- What is the most beautiful place in creation that you have seen?

Discussion Questions

1. Is considering God as a loving Father easy or difficult for you? What about fatherhood (or parenting, in general) do we see in His character?
2. What does God's creation teach us about Him? Is there a physical location where you experience God more closely?
3. This line of the creed reminds us both of God's mighty power and His desire for closeness and relationship.
 - a. Are you ever tempted to believe one of these attributes of God, but not the other?
 - b. Why is it so important that we hold on to both?
4. Theologian Abraham Kuyper once said, "*There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!*"
 - a. If God truly is the creator of everything, how does that change how we view our possessions, our resources, and even our own bodies?
 - b. As a group, read Psalm 24.
 - i. What about creation does David write of that is echoed in this line of the creed?
 - c. Is there a part of your life that you are holding on to as "yours" more than believing it belongs to God?

Apostles' Creed

I believe in **God, the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church*,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen