

# Sermon Discussion Guide

I Believe: Week 3

## 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 looked at the opening line of the second stanza of the Apostles' Creed, focusing on the identity of Jesus. The creed affirms Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God the Father, and the Lord. In these titles, we lift up Jesus' divinity and authority over His Church, and are forced to consider if we have surrendered to Him as Lord.

## Icebreaker Question

- What is one household/family rule that you disagreed with as a child that you now see the wisdom of?

## Discussion Questions

1. When you think about the people in your life, community, and workplace, what do you think they believe about Jesus? Where do you think these beliefs come from?
2. Why do you think the Creed dedicates so much of its focus on Jesus' identity and work? Why is a right view of Jesus so important for the Church?
3. As a group, read 1 John 3:1-3.
  - a. How do we understand Jesus as the Son of God when Scripture also teaches that we are children of God?
  - b. What about Jesus' Sonship is unique to Him, and what about it is true of us, as well?
4. Why is it so important that we understand Jesus not just as our Savior, but also as our Lord and King?
  - a. Is there something in your life that you are currently not surrendering to your Lord Jesus?

## 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