



## WE BELIEVE

LifeGroup Leader One Sheet

June 11, 18, 25, 2023

We know that many groups may only meet once a month for Bible study throughout the summer, so we wanted to provide an option for those groups that need it. As we work through the Apostles' Creed, you may choose just to focus on one of the individual sermons or use the summary discussion guide below.

None of our resources can truly show the depth and breadth of all the Bible has to say on the phrases that formed the Creed! We do hope to give you and your group a snapshot of key verses that apply to each element. For further reading, please see the "additional scriptures" found at the end of each week's discussion guide.

Please encourage your group to find their chair and read along with the series reading plans:

Whoisgrace YouVersion Plans, 5 days each (These will be featured on the YouVersion app for anyone who has selected Grace Church as "my church"):

We Believe: Who is God?

We Believe: Who is Jesus Christ?

We Believe: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Alternate YouVersion Plan: [The Apostle's Creed: 12-day plan](#)

RightNow Media Video series: [Basic Training](#)



## Series Summary Discussion Guide: Apostles' Creed

**Encouragement:** Is the Apostle's Creed familiar to you? Share about your past experiences (if any) with the group. How do Creeds and other statements of faith help us in our faith journey?

### Scripture:

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

Read [Genesis 1](#); [Romans 1: 18-25](#)

- What do these verses tell us about who God is?
- What might be the consequences of turning away from or forgetting this truth?
- How does knowing who God the Father is effect the way we talk about our faith with others?

*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 into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Read [Luke 1:26-38](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-7](#); [1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17](#)

- How do these verses inform the statements about Jesus the Son? Are there any other passages that you can think of that help us understand who Jesus is?
- How does knowing who Jesus the Son is effect the way we talk about our faith with others?

*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.*

Read [Romans 8](#); [Ephesians 4:1-16](#); [1 John 1:5-10](#).

- How do these verses connect with the final statement about the Holy Spirit and how God affects our lives?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in the church, and in our salvation?
- How do these statements and all that they entail encourage us to share our faith with others?

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## WE BELIEVE: God, the Father

Pastor Sarah Burttt

June 11, 2023

### Life Group Discussion

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*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 into hell. 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.*

### Scripture:

*I believe in God*

Read [Exodus 3:13-15](#); [Exodus 34:6-8](#).

- How does God describe himself to Moses? What is Moses' reaction to learning about who God is?
- How have you experienced these attributes of God in your life or the lives of those around you?

*The Father Almighty*

Read [Genesis 17:1](#); [Genesis 35:11](#); [John 1:12-13](#); [1 John 3:1-2](#)

- How does God describe himself to the founding fathers, Abraham, and Jacob? What does Almighty mean? (maybe pull out a Bible dictionary!)
- What does it mean to you that you are part of God's family?
- How does God being "almighty" affect how you view him as Father?

*Creator of heaven and earth*

Read [Genesis 1-2](#); [Job 38-39](#).

- What do these verses show us about God? What do they show us about ourselves?
- What is your response to this truth about God and ourselves?
- What are some lies that you have believed about God the Father, and what are the truths that combat those lies?



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**Additional Scriptures:**

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

Genesis 1

Exodus 3:13-14

Acts 17:26-28

John 5:26-27

Hebrews 11:3, 6

Malachi 2:10

Acts 4:25-26

Exodus 34:6-7

Romans 1:18-25

1 John 4:9

Hosea 11:1

Ephesians 1:3-14

Isaiah 46:10-11

Isaiah 14:24-27

Romans 9:20-21

Galatians 4:1-7

Psalms 135:6

1 Tim 4:4

John 14:1-14

1 Kings 8:60



## WE BELIEVE: Jesus Christ, the Son

Pastor Mike Crisman

June 18, 2023

### Life Group Discussion

**Encouragement:** React to this statement: “Religious belief is a matter of personal opinion; it is not about objective truth.” (from [The State of Theology Research 2022](#)). When surveyed, only 37% of Evangelical Christians agreed with this statement. Why is it important that we believe in Truth ([John 14:6](#); [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#))? How does the Apostles’ Creed help us stay in the truth?

#### Scripture:

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord*

Read [Isaiah 9:6-7](#); [Luke 1:32-33](#); [Mark 1:9-11](#); [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

- Look at these three titles for Jesus: Christ (Messiah, anointed one), Son, Lord
- To believe in Jesus is to believe He is who He claims to be. What do these titles tell you about Jesus? What do they mean for you as His follower?

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

Read [John 1:1](#); [John 1:14](#) (try [the Message Bible!](#)); [Matthew 1:18-25](#); [John 3:16-17](#); [Romans 8:1-4](#)

- Why is it so significant that Jesus was born fully man?
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*He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.*

Read [Mark 14:1-15:47](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

- This is a long read, but close your eyes and listen closely. How do you feel when you hear the story of Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion? What details in Mark’s account jump out at you?
- Why did Jesus have to die? Why does the symbol of the cross hold such significance for the followers of Jesus?

*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.*

Read [Luke 24:1-12](#); [Romans 8:28-39](#)

- The good news (gospel) of Jesus’ resurrection was first told by a handful of women, disciples of Jesus, to the 11 remaining Disciples. Put yourselves in the shoes of the women and of the Eleven- what might they have been thinking and feeling?
- How good it is to know that Christ is alive! What hope do you find in Paul’s words in Romans 8?



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**Additional Scriptures:**

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

Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Mark 9:7, 1:11; Luke 9:34-35, 3:22; John 1:32-34; Romans 8:3; Colossians 1:16-17

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

Matthew 8:10, 12:27, 13:21; Matthew 1:18-25, 4:2; Luke 1:26-38, 2:40; 52; John 4:6, 19:28; Hebrews 5:8; Romans 8:3

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*

Luke 9:22; 44; Matthew 27:24-26; Acts 4:25-28; Deuteronomy 21:22-23

*He descended into hell.*

Luke 16:24-26, 23:43; Ephesians 4:8-9; 1 Peter 3:19, 4:6; Revelation 14:13

*On the third day he rose again.*

Luke 24:24-27, 31-32; John 20:11-18, 21:4-8; Acts 2:31-32; Revelation 14:13

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

Daniel 7:13-14; Acts 1:6-9, 2:33; Hebrews 1:3, 1:13; 8:1, 10:12; Revelation 3:21, 5:7

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

Isaiah 65:17; Acts 1:10-11; 17:31; Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 11:15, 19:11-16

**Apostles' Creed**

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## WE BELIEVE: the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Salvation

Pastor Sarah Burttt

June 25, 2023

### Life Group Discussion

**Encouragement:** If members of your group went through the Life in the Spirit Series together in March/April, take turns sharing how your lives have changed now that some time has passed since learning about how the Spirit changes our lives.

How have your beliefs about the Holy Spirit, the church, and salvation impacted how you live? If not, why not?

**Scripture:** Pastor Sarah shared how the Holy Spirit gives new life and that we have a new family, a new relationship, and a new reality. This study will focus more on those 3 things instead of diving into the Holy Spirit. You can explore all 3 or pick and choose which one is best for your group.

New Family: *the holy catholic church, the communion of saints*

Read [Ephesians 4:1-16](#) and [John 17:20-23](#).

- How has God designed the church and the saints to both be unified and yet still have diversity? What unites us? What makes the church diverse (hint: gifts of the Spirit)?
- How has disunity in the church tarnished God's name and slowed the Great Commission (See Matthew 28:19-20)?
- What does it look like to have unity with believers from other churches? How can our group (individually or together) take a step toward our brothers and sisters in other denominations?

New Relationship: *the forgiveness of sins*

Read [1 John 1:5-10](#), [Psalm 103:8-13](#), and [Ephesians 1:7-8](#).

- How do these verses make you feel about how much God has forgiven you? How do you remind yourself of the truth of forgiveness when you feel guilt and shame over sin?
- Who in your life would you hope to understand this forgiveness and experience it for themselves? What would it look like to talk with them about it? How can we encourage each other as we go out to have those conversations?

New Reality: *the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting*

Read [Philippians 3:20-21](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) and [Revelation 21:1-5](#).

- How do these verses give you hope in everyday life?
- If we truly live that these things are true, what would be different about our lives?



- How is the truth of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting good news to people in our world today? What are some potential opportunities that sharing this truth could be helpful for someone to help point them to Jesus?

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John 16:7-15	1 Peter 2:4-10	1 John 1:5-10	1 Thes 4:13-18
Galatians 5:16-26	Matt 16:18	Psalm 51:5	Matt 22:23-32
1 John 1:1-3	Acts 7:38	Romans 5:12-21	Luke 14:13-14
1 John 4:6	Matt 28:19	1 Cor 15:21-22	John 11:24-26
Colossians 3:1-17	Exodus 19:5-6	1 John 3:4	Luke 20:37
2 Cor 2:11	Deut 7:6-9	Genesis 1:26-31	Acts 4:1-2
Genesis 1:1-3	Ezekiel 37:26-28	Romans 3:25	Acts 23:6-8
2 Peter 1:20-21	Matt 7:21-23	Ephesians 1:7	Acts 24:14-21
Matthew 28:19	Matt 13:24-30	2 Thes 2:13	Romans 6:4-5
1 Cor 12:11	1 Cor 3:12-15	Psalm 103:8-13	1 Cor 15:42-44
John 16:13	1 Pet 4:17-19	Genesis 3:19	Revelation 21:1-5
Titus 3:5	1 Cor 12:1	Isaiah 52:7	
1 Cor 3:16-17	John 17:22-23		
Romans 8:1-8	Romans 12:5		
John 3:5-8	Galatians 3:26-28		
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2 Timothy 3:16-17			

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