

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER
The Apostles' Creed
Week 2

ICEBREAKER: If you could rule the world for one day, what would you do?

OVERVIEW: Your beliefs determine your behavior, and your beliefs about God impact you more than anything else. This is why it is so important for Christians to believe sound doctrine. One of the best tools for learning sound doctrine is the Apostles' Creed, an ancient summary of Christian belief. In this study we will go deeper with the words of the Creed, "I believe in God the Father."

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why is it so important to believe sound doctrine?
3. Why are there so many different Christian denominations?
4. How can you make sure that your beliefs about God are accurate?
5. Read John 1:12.
 - a) Who are God's children, and how do you become God's child?
 - b) Read Galatians 4:4-7? How did God make your adoption possible?
 - c) According to Galatians 4:4-7, what are the benefits of adoption?

6. Recite the Apostles' Creed Together: 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.
7. For the following questions, refer to Sunday's sermon. Why is atheism illogical?
8. Of the five arguments for the existence of God, which is your favorite and why?
9. What is the doctrine of the Trinity?
10. What is the false teaching of Modalism and why is it wrong?
11. All Christians are sons of God. What makes Jesus the unique Son of God?
12. What does it mean that God is a personal being, and why does it matter?
13. What is the best thing about being a child of God?

The Last Word: "What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God for his Father." J.I. Packer

