

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST
The Apostles' Creed
Week 4

ICEBREAKER: What's your perfect dream vacation spot?

OVERVIEW: There are several branches of theology, but Christology is the most important because it determines your eternal destiny. What you believe about Jesus determines whether you go to heaven or hell. This is why the Apostles' Creed devotes more space to Christ than anything else. One theologian suggests that we should see the Creed as a confession of Christ with an introduction and a conclusion. In this study we will go deeper with the words in the Creed, "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."

1. 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.
2. 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?)
3. What are some unbiblical teachings about Jesus that you have heard?
4. To you, who is Jesus?
5. What's your favorite story of Jesus or quote by Jesus?

6. Read Hebrews 1:1-4.
 - a) What does this passage teach about Jesus?
 - b) Does this passage teach that Jesus is God? Explain.
 - c) What does the term "last days" mean (v. 2)?
7. For the following questions refer to Sunday's sermon. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
8. What does the word "Christ" mean?
9. What did the OT say about the coming Messiah?
10. What does the phrase "our Lord" mean about Jesus?
11. Why is the doctrine of the virginal conception (or virgin birth) important?

The Last Word: "You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me."
John 5:39

