

The Apostles' Creed

Opening Prayer Almighty God, we thank you for this time together to talk about You. Help us to grow in our understanding of who you are and what you've done. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fill in the Blank—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- What three-word question does the Apostles' Creed answer? _____
- The word creed comes from the Latin word *credo*, which means _____.
- How many creeds does the Christian church have? _____ (Name them)
- Why is it called the Apostles' Creed? _____
- What does the word "catholic" mean? _____

What Does This Mean? (*Catechism Time*)

Turn to pages 102 and 103 in your catechisms. Fill in the blanks below based on questions 87 and 88:

What is meant by "I believe in God"?

It means I _____ God and His promises and _____ as _____ all He teaches in Holy Scriptures.

Why do we say, "I believe," and not, "We believe?"

Everyone must believe _____ or _____, no one can be _____ by _____'s faith.

Situation Time

Talk about the following situations with your group. Take notes on what you discuss!

Situation #1: You're playing catch with your friend Alex in the park. Somewhere in the conversation they say to you, "You know. I know you go to church and all. And I know that means something about...God. But I don't really know anything about God. Who...or what...is God anyway?" Based on what we've talked about tonight, what would be a good way to respond to Alex?

Situation #2: Your mom is giving you and your friend Ben a ride home from the game. Your mom reminds you that you've got church tomorrow. Ben says to you, "You know, I think the hardest thing about all that church stuff is the Bible. It's just soooo long. I get there's stuff in there about Jesus and God and all but I don't think I'll ever be able to make sense of it all. It's just too long and complicated." Your mom starts to explain how it makes it easier if you break it down into pieces and see a bigger picture of what God has done for us. She looks at you and says, "Like what you learned about the Apostles' Creed. Tell Ben about what you learned." In light of what we talked about with the Apostles' Creed what do you tell Ben so that the Bible doesn't seem so complicated and long and impossible to make sense of?

Situation #3: Your friend Jamie doesn't go to a church that uses the Apostles' Creed very often. She seems to have a problem with the Apostles' Creed. She says to you, "I just don't understand why you need anything but the Bible. Why do you need a 'creed' anyway? All we need is the Bible." How do you respond to Jamie?

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Lord, we thank You for bringing us together as a crew to learn more about who You are. Be with us as we tell others about You and what You have done. In Jesus' name. Amen.