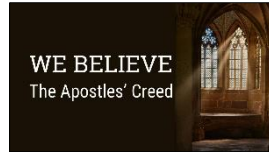


God the Father Almighty

Psalm 8

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Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

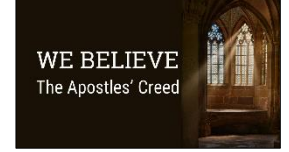
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- If you could only use three words to describe God based on your life experience, what words would you choose and why?
- Read Psalm 8. How is the LORD described by the psalmist? What is highlighted about God's character and characteristics?
- What does Psalm 8 teach about humankind and our relationship to the LORD God?
- Read aloud a version of the Apostles' Creed. What is emphasized in calling God "the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"?
- How does knowing God as "Father" reflect the type of relationship we may have with God (cf. Lk. 15:11-32; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6)?
- If God is Father first and foremost before any person (cf. Eph. 3:14), then what can we learn about the true nature of fatherhood? How does seeing God as Father help you in turn to rightly view your own father and his strengths and shortcomings?
- What do we affirm by calling God "Almighty"? What *don't* we mean? How does this shape your own interactions with God?
- How will knowing God as "creator of heaven and earth" affect our worship? How should it guide and govern our stewardship of the environment?
- To which facet of the Creed's first affirmation are you most drawn today? How might God be leading you to know him more in this way? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.