



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

**USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.**

### Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

#### **The Big Idea**

*The Apostles Creed helps ground us in truth and guard us from error.*

#### **Message Summary**

*The Apostles Creed has been used in some form since the 4th century and the Creed as we know it today began to appear in written works around 710 AD. As a statement of belief, it has been used to ground believers in the truth of the gospel while also guarding them against error that often arose in the early days of the formation of the church. It's still useful for us today for the same reasons. We've included the text of the Creed below along with questions for discussion.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

#### **Discuss**

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.
- In verses 1 and 2, what does Paul say is the reason for holding firmly to the gospel he preached?
- In verses 3-8, who does Paul list as those who Jesus appeared to after the resurrection?
- Why do you think Paul thought it was important to point out in verse 6 that most of the witnesses were still alive?
- Compare verses 3-8 with The Apostles Creed. What similarities are there?
- What does holding firmly to the gospel mean for you today? How can The Apostles Creed help you stand strong in your faith?
- What key elements do you share when you tell people about Jesus' death and resurrection?
- How can we follow the example set by Paul and share the gospel so that others can believe?