

WE BELIEVE

EXPLORING THE NICENE CREED

STUDY GUIDE THREE – FROM SERMON ON FEB 1/26

In this study, we are exploring what it means to confess with the Nicene Creed that God is the “Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.” This confession places our personal stories inside God’s much bigger story. Before we are sinners in need of grace or sufferers in need of comfort, we are creatures in a Father’s world. The Bible invites us to see both the beauty of God’s good creation and the reality of a world that is now broken. Together, we will reflect on how the Father is not only our Creator, but also our Redeemer who is making all things new through Jesus Christ

LET’S GET STARTED!

When you think about creation, what most easily fills you with a sense of wonder or awe?

When you hear the phrase “*Father Almighty*,” what emotions come to mind first—comfort, distance, confusion, awe, something else?

MOVEMENT 1 – MAKER OF ALL THAT IS SEEN

Read **Genesis 1:1-5** together. What stands out to you about how often God is mentioned in Genesis 1? What does that suggest about the main focus of the chapter?

Psalms 19 says creation *declares* God’s glory. How have you seen that play out personally?

In what ways might Christians unintentionally treat creation as neutral, disposable, or unimportant?

MOVEMENT 2 – MAKER OF ALL THAT IS UNSEEN

According to Ephesians 6:10-12, what does Paul want believers to remember when life feels like a struggle? How might that perspective shape the way we pray or seek help?

What’s the danger of ignoring the unseen realm entirely? What’s the danger of becoming overly focused on it?

Psalms 103:19 says God’s kingdom “rules over all.” How does that truth bring clarity or peace when spiritual opposition feels real?

Colossians 2:15 says Jesus disarmed the powers and authorities at the cross. How does that shape the way believers face spiritual struggle today?

MOVEMENT 3 – A BEAUTIFUL BUT BROKEN WORLD

Read Genesis 3:1-7. What desire or lie pulls humanity away from trust in the Father?

Romans 8 describes creation as “groaning.” Where do you most clearly see or feel that groaning — personally or globally?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says God has set eternity in the human heart. How does that explain both our longings and our dissatisfaction?

Paul describes inner conflict in Romans 7. How does this passage help normalize the tension believers feel between who they are in Christ and who they’re still becoming?

MOVEMENT 4 – ALL THINGS MADE NEW

Colossians 1 speaks of God reconciling “all things.” How does this expand our understanding of salvation beyond forgiveness alone?

Revelation 21 describes renewal, not escape. How does the promise of new creation shape how we live in the present?

Where do you see God already at work making things new — in you, in others, or in the world around you?

CLOSE YOUR TIME TOGETHER BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER