

APOSTLES' CREED PRAYER

Time: 45 Minutes

That whoever believes – *JOHN 3:16*

RESOURCES

- Copy of the Apostles' Creed per participant (download at www.ignite.rosedalemedia.org)
- A way to sing or play "We Believe" by the Newsboys (video available online)
- Writing utensil per participant

BACKSTORY

Statements of belief have always been important to the church. The Apostles' Creed dates back to the early church. Some oral traditions date the creed back to the apostles, but this is doubtful. The creed does have its roots in the teachings of the apostles. For centuries, followers of Jesus Christ have recited this creed as a statement of some of the important truths they have believed.

PROCEDURES

1. Read the backstory.
2. Play or sing "We Believe."
3. Distribute the "Apostles' Creed" to participants.
4. Say: *Turn to the back of your paper. I'm going to read some words to you and pause after each one. On your paper, write situations in your life that make you feel this way:*
 - Desperate
 - Doubtful
 - Fearful
 - Broken
 - Weak

5. *Say: Now turn to the Apostles' Creed side of your paper. I invite you to read this creed, these statements of belief, aloud with me. As we read, think about your needs in connection to this creed and to the song "We Believe."*
6. Lead the group reading the creed.
7. *Say: Spend the next five minutes, praying to God about your needs and about your beliefs. Also, choose a prayer request to share with a small group.*
8. Invite participants to group in threes or fours, share their requests, and pray with each other.
9. Invite participants back into the whole group and conclude by repeating the Apostles' Creed together.

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits 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 Ghost.

I believe in the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.