

Small Group Questions – Week of April 26, 2026

Opening / Icebreaker

- What are some products, ideas, or habits you would consider “time-tested” that still hold up today? Why do you think they’ve lasted?
- As a group, do you tend to agree on what stands the test of time? Why or why not?

Creed & Background

- Did you grow up familiar with the Nicene Creed (or other creeds)? If so, what was your experience with them?
- When you first heard we were doing a series on a creed, what was your initial reaction? How has that changed (if at all)?
- Based on what you heard this weekend, why might studying something like the Nicene Creed be valuable for believers today?

“We Believe” – Personal vs. Communal Faith

- This week we focused on the phrase “*we believe.*”
 - Would you say your church background emphasized personal faith or communal faith more?
 - What are the strengths and potential weaknesses of each emphasis?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1–18

- In verse 10, what is Paul calling the church to? What do you think that kind of unity looks like in practice?
- Is unity the same as uniformity? Why or why not?
- Do you think Paul is calling believers to agree even when someone is wrong? How should that be handled?
- What are some of the divisions we see in our culture today? Who or what are people aligning themselves with?
- What kinds of divisions have you personally seen within the church? What were they centered on?
- What core truths do all Christians share? How can focusing on those bring unity?
- How might the Nicene Creed help ground us in those shared beliefs?

Read 1 Timothy 6:3–12

- Paul warns against “endless controversies.” Why do you think people are drawn to them?
- What does Paul encourage believers to pursue instead?
- Paul also warns about the love of money. Why can money so easily become a spiritual distraction?
- Verse 12 says: “*Fight the good fight of the faith...*”
 - What does that look like in everyday life?
 - How does remembering and confessing shared beliefs (like a creed) help us fight that fight well?
- Does verse 12 sound more individual or communal in nature? How do you see both aspects at play?

Takeaway Questions

- What is one practical step you can take this week to pursue greater unity with other believers?
- What is one way you can refocus on the “main things” in your faith this week?

(Optional) Small Groups Can Choose to Read Through the Creed Together:

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.