

Ancient Faith: “We Believe in One God”

Small Group Questions for the Week of May 3, 2026

1. Opening (10 min)

We mentioned the *Overview Effect*—when astronauts see Earth and their worldview shifts.

- Have you ever witnessed, seen, or experienced a moment or realization that changed how you see yourself in the world?
(Give space for a few people to share)
- How could the opening line of the Nicene Creed reshape someone’s worldview?

2. Deuteronomy 6:4–12 (20 min)

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- What does it mean that God is “**one**”?
Why was that significant then—and why does it still matter today?
- What are some **worldviews today** that challenge the idea that God is one?
Do you think the denial of God’s existence or the unintentional pursuit of **idols** is more harmful to our culture? Why?
(If needed, help define “idols” as anything we give ultimate value or trust to)
- Deuteronomy 6:4 and Genesis 1:1 both shape worldview.
How should these truths impact how we live **day to day**?
- What does it look like to actually live this out in your **current stage of life**?
(Let people answer from where they are)

3. Luke 3:21–22 + Trinity (20 min)

- What is happening in this moment at Jesus’ baptism? Why does it matter?
- Where do you see the **Trinity** in this passage? Why is that important?
- What does the Father say to Jesus?
What does that reveal about God—and what does it mean for us?
- How would you explain being a “**child of God**” to someone who isn’t a Christian?
Why is this such a significant part of our faith?

4. Wrap-Up / Application (10 min)

- The Creed describes God as both **Creator** and **Father**.
Do you tend to emphasize one more than the other? Why?
- How might your faith be different if you leaned more into:
 - God as **Father**?
 - God as **Creator**?
- Why is it important to hold both together?
- What’s **one practical way** you can live with greater awareness of God this week?
(Encourage specific, actionable responses)

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.