

Nurture Group Homework

Apostles' Creed – Part 4

Romans 6:3-5

April 2, 2017

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living 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 life everlasting. Amen

Showing Up

What is your least/favorite household chore? Why?

Digging In

What does the creed mean with the words, “from there he will come to judge the living and the dead”? Is this telling believers that God is nothing more than a cosmic killjoy, or something more profoundly restorative? Or?

What do you understand by the affirmation of the word “holy”? Is that an overstatement in today’s culture?

Which psalm is most often quoted in the New Testament? Why do you think the authors in the New Testament took great pains to repeat themselves or each other?

What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

Describe an occasion when you sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit.

When was the last time you felt so strongly about something you belted out, "Amen"?

Going Out

How does Christ's ascension and position at God's "right hand" benefit you?

Why is it important to have a clear understanding of the word "catholic"?

Having heard the sermon, how has your definition of community changed?

Do you think reciting the Apostle's Creed more often would make you more aware of how to live out your faith in ways like, being more forgiving?

The resurrection of the body is a concept that pastors and scholars (famous or not) get paid (large sums or small) to write books or preach about. Still, what does the notion of decay and renewal, fracture and wholeness, separation and reunion, or transformation mean to you? Is resurrection reserved only for our post-mortem future? What is your understanding of resurrection? How does resurrection sustain your faith?