

We live in anticipate of our Lord's return to renew all things and enjoying Him forever in a new heaven and new earth undiminished by sin, shame and sorrow.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR GROUP

1. Many of us grew up with an aversion to pieces of liturgy that were repeated by rote in a weekly worship service.
 - a. What are some of the dangers of oft repeated liturgy?
 - b. What are some of the benefits of oft repeated liturgy?
2. The confession of faith printed in this study is not a comprehensive explanation of every Biblical truth we hold dear. It is simply a recitation of the Gospel. It follows the plot line of the Biblical Story in its four major movements: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration.
 - a. The word "gospel" refers to the announcement of good news. What is the good news captured in this confession of faith?
 - b. Why is it important that we pause to reflect on the gospel?
 - c. How does the gospel help us make sense of the Bible?
 - d. How is the gospel good news for those who do not know Christ?
 - e. How is the gospel good news for those who know Christ, yet continue to struggle with sin, shame and brokenness?
 - f. What parts of the gospel do we most often neglect? Why?
3. We often talk about speaking the gospel to yourself, speaking the gospel to one another, and speaking the gospel to those who do not know Christ.
 - a. What is the gospel truth that you most need to dwell on in the coming week?
 - b. What is the gospel truth that your group needs to focus on as you continue to pursue Christ together?
 - c. What is the gospel truth one of your friends who does not know Christ most needs to hear? Think of a specific friend. Think of a specific truth.

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A GOSPEL-CENTERED FAITH



We believe in God the Father,
creator of heaven and earth
who holds all things together by the power of His word
and in whom we live, move and have our being.

We believe God created us in His image for Himself
to know, love and enjoy Him
under His loving guidance and gracious rule.

We believe we have rejected God
and live as broken people in a fallen world
subject to His righteous judgment.

We believe God sent His Son in the likeness of man
to restore God's rule over creation
by offering hope, healing, and reconciliation.

We believe Jesus bore our sin and shame on the cross
and rose on the third day
offering forgiveness and new life to all who believe in Him.

We believe if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come
and we are being renewed day by day
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

We believe the church is a community of faith
called to worship our Lord with one heart and voice,
to love one another as Christ has loved us,
and to display God's glory in the world so that all people may know Him.