



### **Ice-breakers:**

What is the most elite team or group you've been a part of (ex. sports, academics, hobby)? Did it give you a sense of pride to belong to that group?

Sometimes churches and denominations can take on an elitist feel and distinguish themselves from other Christians. Can you think of some ways that happens?

### **Interact:**

1. Describe something you believe that unites you with other Christians.
2. Describe something you believe that distinguishes you from other Christians.

### **Word:**

As we look at the Apostle's Creed it is framed around the essentials of the Christian faith that unite believers.

1. What advantages do you see in identifying around agreements?
2. What advantages do you see in identifying around distinctives?

According to the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, there are approximately 41,000 Christian denominations and organizations in the world today.

How could there be this many denominations using the same Bible as their "holy book"?

### **Closing:**

How do you think the Apostles' creed and the five points (SPECS) for bible-reading mentioned in the video could unite believers rather than distinguish believers?

### **SPECS - referenced in the Video:**

1. Sins to confess
2. Promises to claim
3. Examples to follow
4. Commands to duty
5. Statements of Significance