



Entering into Belonging: Group Discussion Questions - Week 3

Welcome:

- Think of someone from your childhood that you have loved for many years, think of how you would want to publically remember that person with one word or sentence.

There is obviously much more that could be said about the person you knew, but your descriptor was personal yet something you hoped everyone could appreciate about your friend or family member. The creeds are similar in that given much fewer words that the Bible they express a faith held by a community of believers. They attempt to bring an affectionate recall of God and his goodness towards us.

Interact:

Choose the question you feel your group is most comfortable answering, or ask for either response and let your group members choose their level of disclosure

In Rick's sermon he mentions that the church fathers wrote the Creeds to protect the mysteries of God. To reduce the mystery is heresy which can be done by saying less than scripture says or more than scripture says.

1. How would you reduce the mystery by saying less than scripture?
2. How would you reduce the mystery by saying more than scripture?

Word:

If the root of the word Creed means "that which I give my heart to" what does it mean to belong to a church that holds a creed as it's confession of faith.

1. To whom or what are you being asked to give your heart?
2. Would that be any different if you belonged to a church with a doctrinal statement?
3. The Nicene Creed states that Jesus is "of one being with the Father" and that "he was made a man". Why is it important that Jesus is fully God and fully human?

Closure:

Close your time praying for the church around the world that has to meet in hiding this week, who are not free to profess their faith. Pray that they would be strong and faithful and that we are honored to share the same faith they have. Pray that our faith would be worth living for, as many have died that we might still be able to profess this historic faith.