

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- When you hear people talk about Jesus today, what are some different versions of Jesus you hear?
- Why does it matter what we believe about Jesus, not simply that we say we believe in Him?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Colton reminded us that Jesus is fully God and fully man - the exalted Son who humbled Himself to save sinners and is now crowned as Lord.

What Do You Believe About Jesus?**1. Jesus Exalted: Do you believe Jesus is truly and eternally God? (Philippians 2:5-6)**

- *Paul says Jesus existed in the "form of God" and possessed "equality with God." Jesus did not need to grasp for deity or work His way toward becoming God. He already was God.*
 - Why is it important that Jesus is not merely like God, but truly God?
 - Colton said, "Jesus doesn't have to grasp for equality with God. He already has it." Why is that distinction important?
 - Where are you personally tempted to "grasp" for control, approval, security, authority, or independence from God?

2. Jesus Humbled: Do you believe Jesus became fully and truly human? (Philippians 2:7-8 and Hebrews 4:14-16)

- *Jesus "emptied himself," not by ceasing to be God, but by taking on humanity. The eternal Son became a servant. He was born, grew, became tired and hungry, experienced rejection, grief, temptation, suffering, and death.*
- What does Hebrews 4:15 teach us about Jesus' experience of temptation and weakness? How should this knowledge change the way you approach Him with your own struggles?
- Is there an area of your life right now where you are tempted to think, "No one really understands what I'm going through"? How does the humanity of Jesus speak into that?

3. Jesus Crowned: Is Jesus just someone you believe about, or the Lord you bow before? (Philippians 2:9-11)

- *Because Jesus humbled Himself even to death on a cross, God highly exalted Him. One day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*
- What does Philippians 2:9-11 teach about Jesus' present position and His ultimate victory?
- What is the difference between agreeing that Jesus is Lord and actually living with Jesus as Lord?
- Where is it easiest for you to acknowledge Jesus' authority? Where is it hardest?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- "Jesus, help us know You as You truly are. Help us stop grasping for Your throne, trust what You accomplished for us, and gladly bow our lives before You as Lord."



Creed: A Short Confession of Core Truths

A Creed is a concise confession of the essential truths of the Christian faith that unite believers of all ages across time and place. Rooted in Scripture and echoed in historic confessions of faith, creeds remind us that we are not inventing truth, but receiving it.

We believe in One God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -
three Persons, equal and eternal.

We believe in God the Father, Who Created Everything from Nothing.

He rules with wisdom, power, and love.
He is holy, just, merciful, and kind.
He gives life and every good gift.
He is in control of every nation and every moment.
Everything exists by His will and for His glory.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Sinless Savior.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary,
fully God and fully human.
He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.
He ascended to heaven and will return in glory
to judge all people - the living and the dead -
and to reign forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Person of God in us.

He convicts us of sin, opening our eyes to our need for grace,
and leading us to repentance.
He conforms us to Christ, helping us live like He did,
and giving us gifts to build up the Church.
He comforts us until the end, sealing our salvation,
and strengthening our hope.

We Believe:

- The Bible is God's Word and our final authority.
- Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.
- The Church is the body of Christ.
- Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper are commands from Christ.
- Those who reject Christ face eternal judgment apart from God.
- Those who receive Christ experience eternal joy with God.