

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

*“I Believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth”
Acts 17:16-28*



SERMON NOTES

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon

FOR FURTHER STUDY OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed by Third Millennium Ministries -
www.thirdmill.org

Affirming the Apostles' Creed by JI Packer

What We Believe by RC Sproul

I Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed by Alister McGrath

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) One of the main reasons Seth is preaching a series on the Apostles' Creed is because it is important for Christians to focus on what we are for more than what we are against. How does the Apostles' Creed help us focus on what's important?
- 2) When it comes to talking to people about our faith, why is it important to start the conversation about God?
- 3) Read **Acts 17:16-17**. Seth said we must go where the people are. What does the marketplace look like in our day and age? Where are the people we need to reach for Jesus?
- 4) Read **Acts 17:18-23**. The Epicureans taught that a person's purpose in life was to seek pleasure and avoid pain. The Stoics did not believe in a personal God, but they believed in fate and chance. How would you describe God to these groups of people?
- 5) Almighty means God has unlimited, matchless power. We can see this power through the works of His creation. Read **Acts 17:24-25; Psalm 19:1-2; 33:1-11**. How do you see God's almighty power revealed in these passages?
- 6) God not only created the world, He is constantly involved in it. Read **Acts 17:24-28**. How does God's sovereignty described in this passage encourage you in your spiritual life?
- 7) God is not only powerful, He is a personal God, our Father. Read **Romans 8:12-17**. What does it mean for us to be heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ?
- 8) The Shorter Catechism Question #4 describes God as: "A Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." Take some time to unpack these words.

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Discuss this with your children.
- 2) Read the creation story in Genesis 1-2 with your family. Discuss with your kids who God is and emphasize how these chapters talk more about the who instead of the what of creation.
- 3) Review Questions 1-3 and 9-13 of the Children's Catechism with your children.

A great family study of the Apostles' Creed is called **Laying the Foundation** by Luke Gilkerson.