



God of Creation & New Creation!

The opening line of the Apostle's Creed is a statement of belief in God as our Father and Creator. This week we'll explore what those beliefs mean for us in our daily walk of faith.

Watch the Video #2 then read together...

As we think about the beliefs we share, we recognize our place in the 2,000 history an tradition of followers of Jesus:

Church of the Nazarene - *We are Christian, Holiness, Missional*

- Mission statement: *To make and reproduce Christlike disciples in the nations*

Eagle Naz Church - *Love God, Love Others*

- Mission statement: *Eagle Naz is a community of Christ followers who love God and love people*

The Apostle's Creed - used since the 2nd century AD

- *A statement of faith in Christ used in the earliest Church as a public declaration of belief and allegiance to Jesus at baptism services*

God wants us to know Him and walk in relationship with Him

- **God relates to us as Father** - *a term of relationship and family*
 - As you consider that God reveals Himself to us through the term Father, what does that mean to you?
 - Do you think some people struggle with considering God as their Heavenly Father?
 - **Read John 1:14-18** - *How does this passage help us understand how Jesus reveals God the Father to us?*
 - **Read John 1:12-13** - *How does this passage help us understand ourselves as God's children by faith in Jesus?*
 - **Read John 14:6-13** - *How would you describe Jesus' relationship to the Father? How can we walk in the same kind of relationship?*
- **God is the Creator of all things** - *all life comes from Him*
 - **Read Genesis 1:1 & 26-27** - *How does this speak to us today? What does it mean to you to be created in the image of God?*
 - **Read John 1:1-4 & 14** - *This passage echoes Genesis 1, but also introduces important truths about God the Father and Son, and the work of His Word and Spirit. How does it speak to you?*

Read The Apostle's Creed together:

- *What stands out to you this week as you read?*



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(* not Roman Catholic, but all believers everywhere!)

Close with Prayer for One Another...

- How is God speaking to your heart as a Father and Creator in this new year?