



# CREDO *This I Believe*

WEEK 6 | JUNE 6

*I believe in my great family*

## RECEIVE

- Prayerfully recite the Apostles' Creed.
- Focus Section: **I believe in the communion of saints.**
- Read Acts 2:42–47 and Ephesians 4:1–7.

## REFLECT

- Further reflect on last week's description from 1 Peter 2 — a building of stones, holding each other up, with Christ as the cornerstone—along with the description in Ephesians 4—a body, working together to attain a wholeness unobtainable alone.
- When you reflect on these passages and descriptions what stands out to you?
- Reflect on Acts 2:42–47. Share with one another and list all the action words in the Acts 2 passage. What especially intrigued, challenged, encouraged, warmed, helped, or surprised you about the actions of the early church?
- Reflecting on the list of action words you created, how does each one strengthen the communion (relationship, closeness, harmony, sharing) of saints (followers of Jesus)?
- Reflecting on Ephesians 4:1–7, what are seven points of unity we as followers of Jesus share? (See verses 4–6.)
- In your own words, state how we are to live worthy of the calling we have received.

Does this come easy for you? What makes it more or less challenging?

## RESPOND

For each movement of the Acts 2 passage respond by turning that section of the passage into a prayer for yourself and our church. Journal a few excerpts from your prayer to share with your group. If you are doing this with a group: Have one person read each movement of Acts 2 allowing time for people to offer their prayers for that movement.

- All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching,
- and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.
- A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.
- And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.
- They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—
- all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.
- And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

## *The Apostles'* CREED

*I believe* in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## RESOURCES

- (for personal and group study)
- *An Experience with the One Another's.* Use this PDF to journey through the "one another's" in scripture, helping you to care for the community of saints in meaningful ways.

## RECALL

- **Write it out.** Each day this week during lunch, write the Creed on a blank piece of paper. *How did you do Friday compared to Monday? As you wrote did different words or phrases stand out on different days?*