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pt I: Epistemology

Icebreaker: Pop quiz! Who is the first to stand before your group and recite the Apostles' Creed, verbatim, as shown below? Let us know your group's winner & all who witnessed at churchisfun@newstorychurch.com – a Fernando Valenzuela (rookie) or early Shohei Ohtani (Los Angeles Angels) baseball card awaits all Life Group winners (while supplies last).

1. "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6). The sermon mentions that [less than 40% of pastors today](#) hold a Biblical worldview, alongside about [10% of Boomers, 7% Gen X, 6% of Millennials and 4% of Gen Z](#). How do you suppose we arrived at this point and what role does understanding our faith play in strengthening it? How can the Apostles' Creed help?

2. The sermon discusses three ways of knowing: reason (*rationalism*), experience (*empiricism*), and revelation (*supernaturalism*). Which of these three paths do you tend to travel the most? Share a time when you experienced all three working together to deepen your faith. What are some practical ways to integrate all three methods into your daily walk with Jesus?

3. Augustine said, "I believe in order to understand." How does this relate to the sermon's discussion of epistemology and faith? Consider Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

4. Read and reflect on Psalm 32:8-9. How do you balance waiting for God's guidance while actively using your God-given thinking and feeling abilities? What does this look like in practical terms?

5. J.I. Packer called the Apostles' Creed "the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs." Which part of the creed resonates most deeply with your personal faith journey and why?

6. "General revelation" and "special revelation" were mentioned in the sermon. Read Romans 1:19-20 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How do these two types of revelation complement each other in helping us understand God?

7. Consider Albert Mohler's statement about the Creed equipping believers "to live faithfully in a post-Christian culture." What specific challenges in today's culture might the Creed help us address? How can we apply its truths to these situations?

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick 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.*