



Truths We Confess – Week 1

“Everyone’s a Theologian”

Group Discussion Questions

Bible Passages: Hebrews 4:12, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 1 Kings 18:39, 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 4:16, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 4:3-4

1. Chris began with the story of Nicea and mentioning other councils, confessions, and creeds. What has been your perspective on this part of church history? Were you aware of them? How do you think they’ve impacted your faith?
2. Every Church Council was in response to a theological controversy or crisis – do you see any similar controversies or crisis in the Church or culture today? Instead of seeing them as just *problems*, do you think they could be *opportunities*? Why or why not?
3. Using your phones or other nearby mobile devices, go to www.thestateoftheology.com. Take a few moments as a group to browse the most recent data – what jumps out at you? What’s most concerning? How do you think we as The Church can begin reversing these trends?
4. Chris said that *“Everyone’s a theologian – the only question is: Are you a good theologian doing good theology?”* Ask yourself that question: Are you a “good theologian? By what standard did you answer that question?
5. Review the creeds that were mentioned in the sermon: Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Kings 18:39, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-7. What are some common themes you notice about these? How do these contrasts from some popular (mis)conceptions you see in our world today?
6. God, through much of Paul’s writing, clearly commands us to pay close attention to our doctrine and what we believe [1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 15, etc]. How are you doing in your own life obeying these clear commands? What simple changes can



you begin making today in order to move towards more faithful obedience of God's Word and your understanding of it?

*"We don't choose our future. We choose our habits, and our habits determine our future."
- James Clear*

7. Chris said at the end that in re-rooting ourselves in our Statement of Faith, we will be *bold, clear, and joyful*. Why do you think it's important for us as the people of God to be all three when it comes to what we believe and why? And which one of these three will feel the most uncomfortable for you (and what might that tell you about where and how you need to prayerfully focus your own personal growth)?