



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Volunteers Needed** - We need volunteers in the following areas: Volunteer Captains, Greeters, Ushers, Levites, Parking Attendants and ERT. If, interested please contact Debbie Knapp at: dknapp@southwinds.org.
- **Student Volunteers Needed for Childcare** - We currently have a need on weeknights for childcare assistance - especially on Wednesday CARE night and on Friday nights with our Celebrate Recovery ministry. We offer both paid positions and service hours. Ages 14+ invited to apply. Please contact Pastor Chris Martinez at cmartinez@southwinds.org or by phone/text at 760-685-5152 for more information.

MY STORY

Share something that you learned from your father growing up.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

HAVE EVERYONE READ:

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's 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 the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

DIGGING DEEPER

Have a Volunteer Read: Matthew 6:9-13; 1 John 3:1; Zephaniah 3:17

Point 1: God's IMMANENCE.

“The very first thing Jesus wants us to know about God, the very first thing he wants to come to our minds when we think about God... is not how big he is, but how close he is. Jesus doesn't point us to God's omnipotence or omniscience or omnipresence. What Jesus wants us to think first about God is that he's like a really good dad to you.”

– **Mike Nolen**

From the passages we just read, share some of the characteristics of God's goodness.

Point 2: God's TRANSCENDENCE.

“This is Jesus telling us our dad is stronger and greater than anyone. He's a dad, so he loves you. But he's an omnipotent dad. He's all powerful. He's an omniscient dad. He knows everything. He's an omnipresent dad. He's everywhere. [SLIDE] God as Almighty Creator means he's Infinitely Powerful.” – **Mike Nolen**

“This is where the reality of God's immanence and transcendence becomes incredibly practical. It's because he is both Father... intensely personal... close and involved and loving... and Almighty... infinitely powerful... that Jesus teaches us that we can pray the rest of the things in the Lord's Prayer.” – **Mike Nolen**

How does having an intensely personal God and infinitely powerful God assure us that God not only hears our prayers but takes care of our needs?

This is why the creed is so important. We need a God who is both the Father Almighty and the Creator of heaven and earth. – **Mike Nolen**

Do we identify with having a more personal God versus an infinitely powerful God or both?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ: 2 Corinthians 1:3

Point 3: How does this change the way we THINK and LIVE?

“You’ll probably find yourself in one of two camps. Some of us love God as Father, but we don’t love God as Almighty and King so much. In real life, here’s how this plays out. We love how God the Father is tender hearted and caring and kind and patient toward us. But we don’t like the idea that God can tell us how to live our lives because he’s the Almighty Creator of the universe. We can get out of balance in life with God.”

– **Mike Nolen**

How should having clarity, balance, counsel and reorientation change the way we think and live?

How has putting your faith in God reoriented your life?

Why is cancel culture at opposition with how God wants us to see the world?

APPLICATION

MEMORIZE: Parts 1-2

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PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS