

The directions on this activity are self-explanatory. In the next thirty-five minutes or so, we are going to try to experience an evolutionary process. Begin on your own, quietly, then in five minutes we'll form everybody into small groups.

DEVELOPING A CREED

Step 1 (five minutes)

What do you believe about Jesus Christ? Write your own words on this, with as full a response as you can in five minutes.

Step 2 (twenty minutes)

In small groups, discuss your individual response with the responses of the others, and together write a statement of belief that reflects the group's belief on the same questions.

Step 3 (ten minutes)

Read the Apostles' Creed below. How does your group statement compare with this formal statement? Discuss similarities and differences.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Creator 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall 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 life everlasting.

Amen.