



CREDO *This I Believe*

WEEK 4 | MAY 24

I believe God is with—in me

RECEIVE

- Prayerfully recite the Apostles' Creed.
- Focus Section: **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**
- Read John 16:7–15 and Acts 2. (Bible Study Tip: Sometimes it's helpful to read a passage in two or more different translations.)

REFLECT

- What stirs in you (questions, doubts, fears, excitement, etc.) as you recite this section of the Apostles' Creed?
- A friend asks you, "What is the Holy Spirit?" How would you respond to them?
- From John 16, state in your own words what Jesus said the role of the Holy Spirit is in our lives? Now describe further how those roles take form and shape you in the everyday moments of your life?
- Do you think this scene in John 16 was helpful and comforting for the disciples? Why or why not?
- Is it helpful and comforting to you? Why or why not?
- Reflecting on Acts 2, what difference did the Holy Spirit make in the life of Peter? Compare and contrast Peter's actions surrounding the crucifixion and what Peter does after Pentecost. (See Luke 22:54–62; John 21)
- What difference did the Holy Spirit make in the lives of those in the early Church? (See Acts 2:42–47).

RESPOND

- As a follower of Jesus yourself (assuming that is true of you), and according to what we just heard from Jesus and the impact we saw in the early Church, journal all the ways we can expect the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.
- Looking at that list do you find this true in your life? Why or why not?
- If you are doing this as a small group or as a family, share with each other the ways you are seeing the difference the Holy Spirit is making in your lives today. Be as specific as possible.
- Share or journal what questions you have about the Holy Spirit.

RESOURCES (for personal and group study)

- *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*, by Francis Chan
- *Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion*, by Anne Graham Lotz.

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.

- If you or your small group are interested in exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit, contact Pastor Eric Haskins (ehaskins@ChristChurch.us) for some helpful resources and assessments.

RECALL

- Most cell phones have a "voice memo" feature so **record and listen** to yourself or your kids saying the Apostles' Creed. Play it on repeat as you walk through your community. As you do this, reflect on how this shapes how you see your neighbors and neighborhood?