iBelieve

Deep Dive

AT A GLANCE:
The title of the talk series is iBelieve because it is about our Creed, specifically, the first three statements of our Creed: "I believe in God the Father…"; and "I believe in Jesus Christ…"; and "I believe in the Holy Spirit…"

The series isn't just about studying religious statements, but getting closer to the three Greatest Beings in our multiverse: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

AFTER THE SERIES:
"Creed" literally means "I believe". But in Latin, "believe" and "heart" have the same root word. Why? Beliefs that change your life reside in the heart, not in the mind.

So this series will not only be a deep dive into the Creed but a deep dive into your heart.

Talk 1: "Created"

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 1 is titled Created because the purpose of the talk is for you to know about how God really created you. When He created you, He gave you a heart to know Him, to really know he is your God so that you will return to Him. The key message of the talk is: You're big in God's heart.

Talk 1 unpacks the statement, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty." So this message has two parts: "God" and "Father".

1. God
The talk answers the questions: Is the concept of God dead? Is God still relevant in our modern world?

2. Father
Your first picture of God didn't come from a priest or pastor or preacher. It came from papa. And mama. Not just what they said but who they were.

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

This series will not only be a deep dive into the Creed but a deep dive into your heart. Are you ready for a heart transplant?

For God said, I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart. (Jeremiah 27:7 NASB).

That's what we want to happen this month: For you "to return to God with your whole heart."

The series will transform your understanding of God, your relationship with Him, and thus, transform your life.

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

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Ask for sharing about the time members felt God is dead or no longer relevant.

Ask: Do you feel you have to do something to gain God's favor, so that He will give you what you pray for?

Ask for sharing about members' relationship with their father — and how such relationship has affected their relationship with God.

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that members may go through a "heart transplant" that God may reside not just in their mind but in their heart.

Pray for those who have difficulty relating to God as a Father because of their unpleasant or painful relationship with their own father.

Pray for parents among your members that they may make their children the big deal— not their grades, not their performance, not their fashion taste, not their music.

Pray that everyone will always remember this: You don't have to perform for God to love you. He loves you as you are. He accepts you. No matter what sin you committed. God loves you and will forgive you of your sins. And it will be this unconditional love that will bring you to repentance. It will be this love that will cause you to live a new life.

Always remember: *You're big in God's heart.*

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