COLLIDE CHURCH

The Apostles' Creed: Why We Believe What We Believe
I Believe in God the Father

1. What did you know about the Apostle's Creed heading into this series? If someone asked you to explain Christian belief in just a few sentences, what would you say?
2. Read Genesis 1:1-25 — ***God Created Everything***.
    a. Genesis 1:1 begins with the simple declaration, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." What does this opening statement teach us about God's existence, power, and authority?
    b. Throughout Genesis 1, we see the pattern of God speaking and creation responding. What does this reveal about God's power and the intentionality behind his creation?
    c. God created us with purpose and knows what is best for us. Why do we sometimes struggle to trust his design for our lives and surrender to his direction?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-31 — ***God Made Us in His Image***.
    a. Verses 26-27 tell us that humanity was uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. What does that mean, and how does it distinguish us from the rest of creation?
    b. Our culture often measures worth by appearance and achievements. How does being made in God's image challenge the way you measure your worth or view yourself?
    c. Everyone bears God's image, regardless of their age, ability, or background. How should this truth shape the way we view and treat others? What does our treatment of others reveal about our view of God (James 3:9)?
4. Read Matthew 6:25-34 — ***God Cares for Us as Our Father***.
    a. Jesus connects the worries of life with a lack of trust. Why is worry often an indication of where we're placing our trust? What do your present worries reveal about your faith?
    b. Jesus points to the birds and flowers as examples of God's provision. What do these illustrations teach us about our heavenly Father? How does knowing that God already knows your needs change the way you approach him?
    c. We often believe God is in control but live as though everything depends on us. What is one area where you need to stop trying to control the outcome and start trusting God?
    d. Jesus tells us to seek God's kingdom first. What does that practically look like in your everyday life when you're dealing with pressures, uncertainties or other sources of worry?

Next Week: John 1:1-18

GOD SAID **I HEARD** **I WILL**