

# BEYOND SUNDAY

We Believe — 3.16.25

## Intro to the Creed — Mark Turney

### OPENING (RELATIONSHIP BUILDING QUESTIONS):

1. Have you ever experienced a time when your faith felt challenged by confusing or deceptive ideas? Share briefly.
2. What's something old (maybe a family tradition or item) that has great value to you, even if the world sees it as outdated?

### EXPLORING SCRIPTURE (STUDY QUESTIONS):

READ **COLOSSIANS 2:6-8** TOGETHER.

3. According to verse 7, Paul urges believers to be "rooted and built up in Christ." What does being "rooted in Christ" look like practically? Why is being rooted in Christ critical to recognizing deceptive philosophies?
4. In verse 8, Paul warns against being taken captive by "hollow and deceptive philosophy." What are some examples of deceptive philosophies or teachings you see influencing Christians today? How might these ideas subtly affect someone's faith?

READ **JUDE 1:3-4** TOGETHER.

5. Jude encourages us to “contend for the faith.” What does it mean to “contend” or fight for our faith today? How can a creed like the Nicene Creed help us clearly contend for the faith?

READ **GALATIANS 1:6-9** TOGETHER.

6. Paul strongly condemns false teaching in these verses. Why is he so forceful about guarding the integrity of the gospel? What do these verses imply about the dangers of accepting distortions of biblical truth?

### **GOING DEEPER (REFLECTION & APPLICATION):**

7. The Nicene Creed was specifically written to clarify biblical truths about Jesus. Why is clarity about Jesus (His divinity, humanity, etc.) so important for your personal faith?
8. How familiar are you personally with the Nicene Creed? Have you found it helpful in your spiritual journey or understanding of Scripture? Why or why not?
9. What are some practical ways we as a group could become better rooted in truth and guard against false teachings in our daily lives?

### **CLOSING (PERSONAL COMMITMENT & PRAYER):**

10. Reflect honestly: If someone looked at your life right now, would they see clear evidence that you’re rooted firmly in Christ and His truth? Why or why not? What steps might God be calling you to take this week to deepen your roots?

**Close by praying for each other, specifically asking God to deepen your roots in His truth, guard your hearts from false teachings, and strengthen your confidence to stand firm.**