

# The Creed

Notes

“From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead...”

Sermon Dates: April 17/18, 2010

*Leader note: Please remember that this curriculum is your servant, you are not its slave. Read through the questions before you group time and prayerfully pick the ones that seem right for you and your group. If you want more information on how to use this curriculum, we have developed a “tip” sheet. It is on the leader website under curriculum resources.*

## Icebreaker

Do you remember the first time you were away from home for an extended period of time? Where did you go? What was it like to return?

## Opening Prayer

Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and to open your hearts to his leading.

## Questions for Discussion

1) Judgment is not a popular theme in today’s culture, yet the Bible is clear that when Jesus returns he will return as a judge. Why is it important to believe in a coming judgment or final retribution? How does this biblical teaching help us live sanely in an unjust world? How is the belief in a future judgment actually a reason for hope?

2) Have someone in the group read Romans 3:23-26 and Romans 5:6-11. What does Jesus do for those who have committed their lives to him? At the final judgment, how will those who have given their lives to Jesus Christ be treated? What does Jesus do for them?

3) Now have someone in the group read Matthew 25:31-46. On what basis does the Bible say Jesus will judge people? How does this passage harmonize with the above passages from Romans? Look at Matthew 12:35 for a clue. **[Leader’s Note: The idea here is that those who have truly given their lives to Christ will live differently, i.e. it is those who have given their lives to Jesus that will truly care for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, etc. The true Christian will not be perfect, but there will be evidence in his actions that Christ lives within him.]**

