

## Message Notes

- Assembling a CREED is the practice that helps believers see to the CORE of faith.
- A CREED was evolving from the LAW of Moses to Jesus to the gatherings of people becoming the Church.
- A CREED protects and connects.

### SCRIPTURE

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 12:28-34; Acts 15*

## Discussion Guide

### ENGAGE

1. Have you ever believed an adage (the early bird gets the worm; slow and steady wins the race; better safe than sorry)? Share about an adage familiar to you. What does it mean? Where did you hear it first? Is it true?
2. Read Acts 15:8-11. What is the significance of God "knowing the heart"? What evidence of faith did Peter point to in verse 8? What does Peter contend to be true regarding Jews and Gentiles?
3. What is the Truth about salvation that Peter states in verse 11? How does God's Grace help us understand what should be at the core of a Jesus-following belief system?
4. Share about a time when there was a phrase that gave you hope. What were the circumstances and how did the phrase that came to mind inspire you? (Example: "If I can get through this, I can handle anything; I've put in the hard work, the 'event' will be easy in comparison.")
5. Why are memorable phrases inspirational? How can a Creed inspire faith?

### APPLY

The Apostle's Creed is the primary Creed used in Redeemer. Find a copy of this Creed and identify the core beliefs that unite Christians. Say this Creed aloud at a slow pace to reflect on each phrase. Allow the question, "What does this mean for me," guide your thoughts as you move through the words.

### PRAY