

Course: Basic Christian Doctrine
Series: The Apostles' Creed
Discussion Forum Two: God the Father

- 1. Can Scripture teach us reliable truths about God, or is human language insufficient for this task?**
 - a. John Frame – Reformed Theological Seminary **(1:15)**
- 2. Do our beliefs about God have any practical relevance for followers of Christ?**
 - a. K. Erik Thoennes - Talbot School of Theology **(3:15)**
 - b. Matt Friedeman – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(3:45)**
- 3. Do all people have some beliefs about God that are so important that they influence nearly everything else they believe?**
 - a. Robert Lister – Talbot School of Theology **(4:45)**
- 4. Why are human beings prone to turn away from God?**
 - a. Samuel Ling – International Theological Seminary **(6:15)**
 - b. David Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary **(7:25)**
- 5. Do people of other religions actually worship the same God that Christians worship?**
 - a. Steve Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(10:40)**
 - b. Stephen Blakemore - Wesley Biblical Seminary **(13:20)**
- 6. What are some of the common ways the doctrine of the Trinity has been misunderstood?**
 - a. K. Erik Thoennes - Talbot School of Theology **(17:50)**
 - b. Keith Johnson – Campus Crusade for Christ **(18:20)**
- 7. Does the Father's authority mean that he forces his will on the Son and the Holy Spirit?**
 - a. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(21:10)**
 - b. Glen Scorgie – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(21:40)**
 - c. Stephen Blakemore – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(24:15)**
- 8. In what ways is God similar to and different from our earthly, human fathers?**
 - a. Jonathan Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(28:25)**

9. What are some practical applications that human fathers can draw from God's fatherhood?

- a. Robert Lister – Talbot School of Theology (30:25)

10. How can we encourage Christians that have had poor fathers to view God's fatherhood in a positive light?

- a. Peter Walker - Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (33:00)
- b. Rebecca Luman – Wesley Biblical Seminary (34:15)
- c. David Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary (35:50)

11. What kinds of implications does God's fatherhood have for pastoral ministry?

- a. Dennis E. Johnson – Westminster Seminary California (38:15)

12. How can we be sure that God's good purposes for us will actually be fulfilled?

- a. J. Ligon Duncan, III – Reformed Theological Seminary (41:55)
- b. Samuel Ling – International Theological Seminary (44:02)
- c. R. Albert Mohler, Jr. – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (45:30)

13. How can an unchangeable God change his mind?

- a. John Frame – Reformed Theological Seminary (47:35)

14. What is the ultimate goal of humanity's redemption?

- a. Thomas Nettles – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (50:00)

15. What are the main Evangelical interpretations of the days of creation in Genesis chapter 1?

- a. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego (51:35)
- b. David Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary (52:45)

16. How can people with the same basic commitments to the authority and infallibility of Scripture read Genesis chapter 1 in such different ways?

- a. John Oswalt – Wesley Biblical Seminary (56:55)

17. What practical implications can we draw from the fact that the creation reflects God's goodness?

- a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University (1:03:10)
- b. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology (1:04:05)
- c. Stephen Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1:04:45)

18. How should Christians feel about the fact that God has ultimate authority over everything?

- a. Dennis E. Johnson – Westminster Seminary California **(1:08:15)**
- b. Thomas Schreiner – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(1:12:05)**
- c. Derek Thomas – Reformed Theological Seminary **(1:15:40)**
- d. David Baer – Overseas Council (1:17:00)