# STARTING new HERE POINT

## SESSION #7

*How do I get faith?*
*What are the gifts of the Spirit?*
*Eternal life*

# THE APOSTLES' CREED – 3RD ARTICLE

## HERE'S THE FLOW

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Prayer

## GROUP DISCUSSION

What has been your faith story? How did you come to have faith in Jesus as your Savior? Who were the people God used to get you where you are today?

The Bible says, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" [1 Corinthians 12:3]. What truth does that affirm for all who have faith? What questions does it raise about those who don't have faith?

The Holy Spirit desires to work a renewal of a person's entire life. In what parts of life do you think people tend to resist this most? Why?

"God wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" [I Timothy 2:4]. Not everyone, however, *wants* God in their lives. What are some reasons they might give for this, or you might guess they have?

What does it mean to you that the Church is "built on Christ", the Cornerstone? Why is *construction* and *building* good imagery for life in Jesus?

Church names/titles don't always guarantee what a church teaches, but every church takes a stand somewhere. Even *non*-demoninational churches are really "hidden-denominational" churches. Why must you always test a church's teaching against what the Bible actually says? Practically, how do you go about doing this?

In I Corinthians 1:10 we are instructed to get rid of divisions and be perfectly united in the Church. When might it be okay to say, "Let's just agree to disagree"? When might that be dangerous?

What excites you most about the promise of the resurrection after death? What do you think "a day in heaven" will look like?

Romans 8:18 gives us some perspective for life saying, "our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." What are some of the worst things you've suffered in life? How do these help you process the glory to come, in light of this verse?

Why do you think God wants you to know he had his eye on you even before the creation of the world? What does having God on your side mean to you?

## AT-HOME WORK

Read through Luther's Small Catechism pp. 147-173.
This week ask someone close to you to share with you how they became a Christian? If they are open to it, share your faith story with them.
Make a list of things you would consider "present sufferings" in your life, or in the lives of those close to you. Next to each of these, write how Christ's victory will change things in the resurrection.