

### Three: The Creed

For the week of September 8 – 14

**Big Question for the week:** What 'word' is our proclamation of faith? What is and shapes our identity?

#### Day 1: Romans 10:5 – 15

Four questions to ponder:

- What crucial role does proclamation have in these verses?
- How does confession bind us to others?
- What are your core identity markers?
- How might the creed impact your sense of identity?

#### Day 2: Acts 14:8 – 20

Three questions to ponder:

- What causes Paul's proclamation of faith?
- How does it impact (or not) the crowd?
- What role does this proclamation of faith have – is it corrective, teaching, comfort, etc.?

#### Day 3: Acts 17:16 – 34

Three questions to ponder:

- What causes Paul's proclamation of faith?
- How does it impact (or not) the crowd?
- What role does this proclamation of faith have – is it corrective, teaching, comfort, etc.?

#### Day 4: Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9

Two questions to ponder:

- Verse 4 is called the *Shema* – the Jews are often called people of the *Shema*. How would / could this phrase define an identity for an entire nation?
- If writing a '*Shema*' for Zutphen, what would it be?

#### Day 5: Genesis 32:9 – 32

A question to ponder:

- Jacob receives a new name in this text, a new 'creed'.  
Abram to Abraham is similar – how does this new name or creed lead to a new life / lifestyle?

**Prayer: that our lives would be defined by our God.**