

Questions for Further Reflection – The Nicene Creed

1. How likely are contemporary Christians to hold beliefs similar to those of Arius? When we say Jesus is the Son of God, what do you think people think that means? What do you think it means? What does the creed mean?
2. How would you explain in modern language the relationship between Jesus and the Father, without denying the monotheism that is basic to Christianity?
3. What do you think of the debate between the East and West on the phrase about the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father *and the Son*? How would you explain it to someone in your own words?
4. If our faith something that is limited to us, to our congregation, to our denomination? Larger? To what degree do we confess the faith of the whole church? Is it important for us to agree on every aspect of the church's teachings? Just the major aspects? Only some aspects? Where do we draw the line?