



Doctrine Discussion Guide

Week 3 | The Trinity

Icebreaker

Share something that you have searched on Google or YouTube to learn how to do.

We look to outside sources when we don't understand something difficult. In the same way, when confronted with a doctrine that is difficult to understand, like the Trinity, we turn to THE source, the Bible.

Read the CF Statement of Belief

We believe in only one living and true God, eternally existing in three distinct and equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Theological Truths

Definition – Trinity:

One God

who eternally exists as three distinct and equal persons — Father, Son, and Spirit who are each fully and equally God in power and of the same essence.

Questions for discussion

- How do you respond to the idea of the Trinity? What does it make you think?
- Why might someone feel uncomfortable or have a difficult time with the concept of the Trinity?
- How would you respond to someone who says the word "trinity" does not appear in the Bible?

Passages for Study

Isaiah 43:10-11

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. 11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man

Christ Jesus.

- Who can explain fully the mystery of the Trinity? (Just kidding!) Why is the oneness of God important in a whole of competing religions?

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning, God [Elohim, plural] created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- What members of the Trinity are mentioned in this passage about creation?

Colossians 1:15-16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Who is being talked about in these passages?
- What do we learn about him?

John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

- What do we learn about the personhood of the Holy Spirit in this passage?
- What do we see about the persons of the Trinity relating to each other?

Read the Big Idea:

We want you to worship our triune God and be able to respond to false views of God as triune, Jesus as fully God and fully man, and the personhood and divinity of the Holy Spirit.

- What from this lesson has helped to firm up your understanding of God's nature?
- Why is it important for us to understand the concept of the Trinity?