

Session 2: The Trinity

(First Pause)

“God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is Fully God, and there is one God.”

- Wayne Grudem’s summation of historic church doctrine, *Systematic Theology*, p. 226

What illustrations have you heard to try and demonstrate the Trinity?

What is the issue with these illustrations?

Read Isaiah 55:8 – what does this say about the nature of God?

(Second Pause)

Read Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7

(Third Pause)

Read Deuteronomy 6:4 and Matthew 3:16-17

Isn't the Trinity a contradiction?

How do these two passages help us better understand the nature of God?

(Final Questions)

Split your group in half and each tackle one of the following questions:

1. *What do these verses show the Father's role to be?*

- *1 Corinthians 8:6*
- *Revelation 1:1*
- *John 3:16-17*

2. *What do these verses show the Spirit's role to be?*

- *John 16:12-16 & 1 Peter 2:20-21*
- *Romans 8:26-27*
- *2 Timothy 1:7*

Look at these three key texts where all three persons are mentioned together and answer the final questions:

- *Matthew 28:19*
- *2 Corinthians 13:14*
- *Ephesians 1:3–14*

Why is the Trinity important for Christians today?

How does the Trinity shape Christian prayer and/or worship?

What does the Trinity reveal about love and community?

How would you explain the Trinity to a sceptic?