

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Warm Up

If you had to explain the Trinity to a child in one or two sentences, what would you say?

Review

Read Matthew 28:16-20 and look over the sermon outline in the back of the worship folder. What stood out to you?

Seeing the Trinity

The teaching of the Trinity is throughout Scripture – Old Testament and New. Where do you see the Trinity in the following verses? Isaiah 6:3, Numbers 6:24-27, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, John 14:16-17, and Luke 1:35.

Doubt

Matthew 28:17 says the disciples worshiped Jesus, but some doubted. Why is it encouraging to know that Jesus still entrusted his mission to imperfect and struggling believers? How does that shape the way we view ourselves and others in the church?

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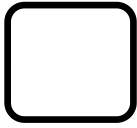
Jesus said, “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). What comfort and confidence does Christ’s authority give us as Christians living in a world filled with uncertainty, fear, and opposition to the faith?

He is with us

Jesus closes with the promise, “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Share a time when the presence and promises of Jesus gave you strength, peace, or encouragement during a difficult season.

Making Disciples

Jesus’ command to “make disciples of all nations” is given to the whole church. What are some practical ways our congregation or small group can bring people closer to Christ?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED TRINITY NOT JUST A PUZZLE, BUT AN INVITATION TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR GOD GENESIS 1:1-5

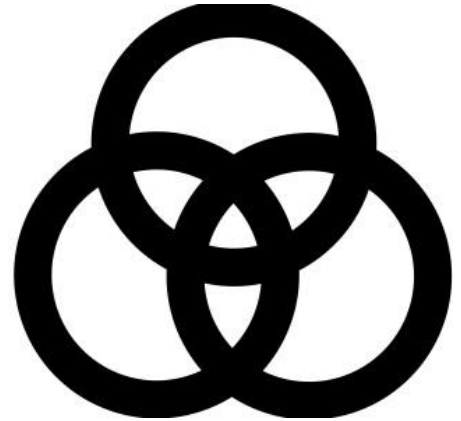
1. The Puzzle Approach – Protection from the Enemies

a. Terminology provides clarity

Triune - _____ in _____

Persons – “Without m_____ the persons or d_____ the divine being”

- The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
- The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.



b. Treasure the battles won for you in the past

The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

2. The Family Approach – Remember the Person in the Center

a. Advent

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor (Isaiah 61:1).

b. Christmas

The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:36).

c. Epiphany

The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22)

d. Lent

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17).

e. Easter

Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:21-22).

f. Ascension and Pentecost

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear (Acts 2:33).