

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 5/18/14

The Trinity: The "Three-ness" of God

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013/2014 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) **Gathering for Prayer June 1st**, (2) **Women's See & Savor Friday, June 06 from 7-9pm**, (3) **Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, June 07 from 8:30-10:30am**, and (4) **Baptism Service June 29th**.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *on how the one God exists in three persons as an eternal community of love that is to shape every aspect of our faith.*

By way of review... here is the NW statement on the Trinity: We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and that these three are one God, and are worthy of precisely the same confidence, obedience, and worship.

- Review: What are the three propositions that underlie the doctrine of the Trinity?
 1. God is one.
 2. God exists in three persons
 3. The three persons are each fully God

What are we denying (not saying) when we say God is a Trinity? (you can rematch the St. Patrick video at this link, but be forewarned, we edited out the back end for good reason! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQLfgaUoQCw>)

What areas of your faith can you envision the Trinity affecting? (the sermon explored the following: loving community (1 Cor. 12.26), prayer (Matt. 6.8, 9; Rom. 8.26, 27), salvation (Eph. 1.1-14) and worship (2 Cor. 13.14)) How should the what you are learning about the Trinity shape the way you think about and relate to God?

Encourage further reflection on these last questions and pray for any who have a specific sense of how their growing understanding of the trinity is shaping their faith. For further reading, here is a helpful, fairly brief post to share with your group: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-is-the-doctrine-of-the-trinity>
You may want to email this out and have them read it ahead of time and bring any questions/insights they have.