

### **The Trinity**

**God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**  
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Triune is another word for Trinity, meaning “consisting of three parts, members, or aspects”. The word Trinity is not found in the Bible but God’s existence as three persons is evident in the Scriptures. See [Isaiah 48:16](#), [Matthew 3:17](#) and [John 14:16-17](#).

**Creation** - God created everything. God created the world and God created you. You were created on purpose, for a purpose, and with a purpose. (See [Genesis 1:1-27](#))

**The Fall** - Sin entered the world with Adam and Eve. (See Genesis [2:4-23](#); [3:1-7](#)) Every human being struggles with the desire to place themselves at the center of the universe, acting like everything revolves around us.

**Redemption** (Salvation) -

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

**Romans 5:8-11**

After sin entered the world, the only way we can be put in a right relationship with God is through Jesus. Jesus offers us life through his reconciling sacrifice. Placing our trust in Jesus erases our sin debt, giving us redemption.

### **Restoration/Reconciliation -**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

One God = Three Personalities (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

- **God the Father** responsible for all of creation.
- **God the Son (Jesus)** who laid his life down for our sins, to wipe away our sins, and redeem us and restore us into a life with God. Jesus is now with God in heaven advocating on our behalf. You may hear Jesus referred to by many names: Jesus, Jesus Christ, Christ, Lord, etc. These are all the same person, and all are ways to refer to Jesus.
- **God the Holy Spirit** is Christ within us each and every day.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What does it mean to you to know that you were created on purpose, with a purpose, and for a purpose? How does this change your perspective on your life?
2. Do you agree that human beings desire to put themselves at the center of the universe? Why or why not?
3. Instead of accepting we are united with God simply by our faith in Jesus, we often feel the weight of guilt, shame, or a general sense of “I’m not good enough”. Or sometimes think we have to *earn* the love of God (but God’s love is already a free gift to us!). Jesus came to prove we were loved, worthy, and accepted. What does it mean to you that Jesus, who never sinned, was a reconciling sacrifice on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven?

4. The Holy Spirit is with us. Would you say you have ever felt the presence of the Holy Spirit? How would you explain the Holy Spirit to someone outside the church?
  
5. To learn more read the [Gospel of John, chapters 14 - 16](#). What does Jesus teach about his relationship with the Father and the Spirit? What do you learn here about the different functions or ministries of each member of the Trinity?