Calvary Chapel El Cajon Men's Study

TRINITY, PT.2

We begin our study of essential doctrine not with what God has done, but with who God is, for the simple reason that before God did anything, He was. Therefore, let us consider who God is as He has revealed Himself in Scripture, as the one true, living, and Trinitarian God.

NOTE: These questions help lay the groundwork for what we will be talking about next week. You will likely not know all the answers, but the questions and Bible verses will help you to begin thinking through these truths. **Pray, read the Scriptures listed, and give it your best shot.**

DEFINITION

The Trinity: One God who eternally exists as three distinct equal persons: Father, Son, and Spirit, who are each fully and equally God.

NOTE: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in perfect, loving union, and they function perfectly within this union. Because of this, we can say the Trinity is love, relationship, community, and submission. We will talk about this more next week, but be thinking about this truth, and what it means to you. It will help you answer this week's questions.

1. How does Matthew 3:16-17 support the distinct personhood of the Father, Son, and Spirit?

2. How is the Trinity reflected in I John 4:7-8, "God is Love"?

3. How does our desire for community and relationship reflect the image of God within us?

Implications: Let us consider the implications of the Trinity as it affects the way we live our daily lives.

1. Why is the Trinity an essential doctrine to Christian faith?

2. Why is it important to understand the nature of God as He has revealed Himself?

3. How do you relate to:

   God the Father?

   God the Son?

   God the Spirit?

4. What does a Trinitarian life look like for you personally?

   Note: a Trinitarian life means living in awareness of and in relationship with each person of the Trinity.

5. What aspects of the Trinity (community, relationship, submission…etc) are missing from your life?

6. How is God calling you to worship Him in light of His Trinitarian nature?

7. What is the main thing you learned about the Trinity from these pages?

8. What is the main question that you have that you will bring to your group the next time we meet?

Prayer:

Reflect on the truth of God's Word, and who it reveals God to be.

Meditate on the concept of the Trinity and the implications that God is three distinct persons who are equally God.

Pray for wisdom and understanding of the revealed nature of God.

Pray that God would give us eyes to see what it looks like to live a Trinitarian life.

Pray for those who have yet to meet and know the one true God as revealed in the Bible.