

LIFE GROUP – WEEK SIX

Enjoying God's Community

Ephesians 1:3-14

This Fall, our sermon series is a deep dive into one of our core values as a church: enjoying God. Each week, we will focus on a different attribute of God and discover how we can go beyond knowing about God intellectually and begin to enjoy God relationally.

SERMON RECAP

You don't really know someone until you know them in the context of community. Human beings are communal creatures made in the image of a communal God – Father, Son, and Spirit.

Yet we sometimes make our relationship with God one dimensional, preferring or prioritizing relationship with one member of the Trinity over the others. This week, we explore how we can come to enjoy God more by enjoying the fullness of the Trinitarian community: Father, Son, and Spirit.

GETTING STARTED

Ice Breaker: Who is the person (besides your spouse, if married) who knows you best?

Going Deeper: What might someone learn about you as a person by meeting your parents? Your childhood best friend?

REMINDER

These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE – to God and one another – not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves – head, heart, and hands. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

HEAD	Drew mentioned some of the places we see the Trinity clearly in the Scriptures (Creation, Baptism of Jesus, Ephesians 1). Can you think of any other places the Trinity is clearly on display in the Scriptures? Read John 16:1-15. What do you notice about the relationships between Father, Son, and Spirit?
HEART	Is there one member of the Trinity you tend to have a harder time relating to? Why do you think that is? How does it help you to consider the relationships between the Father, Son, and Spirit? How does that help you see God in a new way?
HANDS	How do you think a closer relationship with all 3 persons of the Trinity would impact your life as a follower of Jesus? (Practical implications of enjoying the Trinity) Spend some time naming things we enjoy about the Father. Name things you enjoy about the Son. Name things you enjoy about the Spirit.

PRAY TOGETHER

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15min).

Some ideas to spur on your time of prayer:

- Begin your prayer addressing the Trinity: "Father, Son, and Spirit..."
- What ways have you felt close to God? Tell him those things in gratitude!
- What ways do you desire to feel closer to God? Cry out to the Lord for those things.
- Who do you know who doesn't have a relationship with God - Father, Son, and Spirit? Pray that God would reveal himself to them fully.