



TRI GOD



A PINECREST LIFEGROUP STUDY RESOURCE

Sermon Title: *All For One and One for All*

Main Passages: 1 Peter 1:2; Matthew 28:19

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Getting Started

- » Share your most embarrassing moment with the group...something truly "Epic"!
- » Before this sermon, what had you heard or thought about the Trinity? Had you given it much thought? Why or why not? How has your thinking changed (if at all)?
- » What do you hope to get out of this four week study on the Trinity? What questions do you most want answered?

The Study

The Trinity is God in Three Persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit

- » What challenged you the most in this morning's sermon? What questions do you still have that weren't answered (or questions as a result of the sermon)? What did you respond to the most?
- » Have someone in the group read **1 Peter 1:2** and **Matthew 28:19** out loud and discuss.
- » The doctrine of the Trinity came about as a result of heresy in the early church...specifically challenges to the deity of Christ. Do you think the Trinity doctrine is still needed today? Why or why not? What challenges/heresy does the church face today?
- » Did any of the metaphors help you understand the Trinity any better? If so, which one(s). If not, why not? Why is this concept so hard to wrap our heads around? Do you think it's possible to really understand the Trinity? Explain your answer.
- » Do a quick Bible search for the terms "Father", "Son", and "Spirit". Do any of these stand out as applying to the lesson this morning? Discuss a few of the passages that stand out to the group.
- » Review the Three Fundamental Truths about the Trinity and share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns about them. How do you react to all three being true at the same time? Why are these truths important (or are they)?

Truth #1: There is Only One God (Deuteronomy 6:4, Romans 3:30)

Truth #2: There is a Plurality to God (Genesis 1:26)

Truth #3: The Father, Son, and Spirit are Three Distinct Persons (Matthew 3:16-17)

- » The Trinity is still important today because the Trinity...
 - ✓ Leads us to Community
 - How does God being "communal" affect you and me in our daily lives?
 - ✓ Illustrates How We Interact with God
 - Explore and discuss how you interact and feel about each Person of the Trinity.
 - How do you most easily interact with God: As Father? As Son? As Holy Spirit?
 - ✓ Shows Us That We Need to Try All of God
 - Share with the group which person(s) of the Trinity you identified as your "Blindspot".
 - Discuss your answers...why do you think you have your particular blindspot?

Application

- » Discuss ways that you can focus more on your "Trinity Blindspot". How can you interact more with The Father, or The Son, or The Holy Spirit in your daily life? What affect do you think that might have on your spiritual journey?
- » How can the group help you be accountable for this renewed focus? Be specific and follow-up with each other.
- » Are there any unanswered questions, thoughts, or ideas we haven't discussed yet? Let 'er rip...
- » If you want to get into some deeper study over the course of the next few weeks as we delve further into the Trinity, consider downloading the article David mentioned in the sermon this morning. You can download it at the following web address (there is also a link to this on the church website):
<http://bible.org/article/trinity-triunity-god>
- » As a group, take the time to praise God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consider singing, reading Scripture, sharing some of your responses during the Congregational Response at the end of the service this morning, or come up with your own method for praising Him (be creative!).
- » Next week we focus on the role of The Father in our spiritual lives. Consider doing your own personal Bible Study on The Father this week in preparation—especially if you identified The Father as your Trinity Blindspot.

Caring Community

- » **SHARE** with the group how God has been speaking into your life or challenging you this past week (this may be as a result of the sermon or something in your personal journey). Is there anything from this week's LifeGroup discussion you need to work on?
- » Are there any **NEEDS** you have coming up in your life that the group can help you with (this may include spiritual needs, life needs, pretty much anything...)
- » **PRAY** for one another. Share your requests and praises with one another. Write them down here. If you commit to praying, please be sure you do it...
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