

Eastmont Small Group Discussion
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Your Questions. God's Answers.

The Trinity

Warm Up: This weekend, the message was on questions regarding the Trinity and various attributes of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How many of you grew up in a church where you repeated either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed? These creeds speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Discussion questions:

1. Note the hints of the Trinity in the Old Testament: Gen. 1:26, 3:22; Isaiah 6:8 and the teaching of the Trinity in the New Testament: Matt.28:18-20; II Cor.13:14.
2. Is God only loving in the NT, not the OT? .. See Ex.34:6-7 and Lam.3:22-23 and then, Rom.8:37-39 and I John 4:8-11. Does God only have wars of wrath in the OT and not the NT? See Rev.19:11-16, 21 and then Josh.10:40-43.
3. How big is God? See Isaiah 40:12-18, 22-26 and Gen.18:14a.
4. Is Jesus God? See Col.2:9; John 1:1-3; Titus 2:13; John 8:58-59.
5. Who has the Holy Spirit? See John 7:37-39, 14:16-17; I Cor.6:19; Rom.8:16. What did the leadership of the Holy Spirit do for Christ in Luke 4:1-14?

Closing thought: Note the joy in relationship within the Trinity in Luke 10:21; Matt. 3:16-17; John 17:5, 24. How does the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, give us an example of how God intends for people to live? Note that there were relationship, community, love, respect, etc. before God created.