

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Message

<p style="text-align: center;">Foundations of Theology: What is the Trinity? (Matthew 28:19)</p>
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1. Theology is simply defined as “the study of God.” Why is it important to study who God is? How does knowing God more fully impact one’s life?
2. Which of the following ideas do you agree with and why:
  - a. Every Christian is a theologian
  - b. Every Christian should be a theologian

\*A simple definition for theologian is “one who studies God”

3. Read the following verses and consider what the prophet is saying:

*Jeremiah 9:23-24*

\*What should a person boast in?

4. The first foundation of the Trinity is that God is one, also known as Monotheism. Why is it important that God is one especially when it comes to traits such as His infinite nature, absolute perfection, justness, and love?
5. The second foundation of the Trinity is that three divine persons are included in the Godhead. Compare the importance of God’s oneness in His nature versus the differences in His functions through these three divine persons.
6. Read through the following verses and track with Scripture as to how it reveals the eternal nature of all three persons of the Trinity.

*Genesis 1:1-2*  
*Genesis 1:26*  
*John 1:1, 14*
7. Read the following verses and discuss the unity of the Trinity in the creation process:

*Genesis 1:1-3* – What is God’s role? What is the Holy Spirit’s role?  
*Colossians 1:15-17* – What is the Son’s role?

*\*Explanation: for leader only if needed\**

*God the Father is in overall supervision and declares what is to be created. The Son, being Jesus, carried out God's command to create. The Holy Spirit "hovered" over the creation process sustaining the presence of God in it*

8. Do you consider the trinity an important topic to understand? Why?
9. Which person of the Trinity do you neglect more than the others? Why?
10. Do you see the need yourself to be a theologian?

*\*note for leader: explain the difference between a professor or pastor's level of theology versus a layperson's. Every believer has beliefs about God whether right or wrong and in a way is a theologian. The difference in levels of theology will depend on God's calling upon one's life.*

Life Application:
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1. Accept the fact that every believer, including yourself, is on some level a theologian. You study to know God more, or at least you should be.
2. Knowing God more will have an impact on your life. *For example, if you learn that God is omnipresent (meaning that He is everywhere) then it will impact you in regard to sin. Knowing that God is with you will help you overcome temptation, or you will sin knowing full well that He is watching. As you study to know God more, allow those truths to impact your life.*
3. Pray that God will continually reveal Himself to you and learn who He is.
4. "Boast" in what God teaches you about Himself and your relationship with Him.