

Study Guide: Understanding the Trinity

Introduction

This study guide is designed to help you reflect on and discuss the key concepts presented in the lesson about the Trinity. Use the questions below for personal study, group discussion, or journaling.

Section 1: Foundational Questions

- **What is the Trinity?**

Describe the concept as presented in the lesson.

- **What is the Trinity not?**

Identify common misconceptions and clarify what the Trinity does not represent.

Section 2: Scriptural Exploration

- **How do John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1:1-5 contribute to our understanding of Jesus and creation?**

Summarize the unique statements made in these passages.

- **What was God doing before creation?**

Reflect on Deuteronomy 29:29 and its relevance to this question.

Section 3: The Purpose of Knowing God

- **What is our goal according to Philippians 3:10-11?**

Discuss how this goal relates to knowing God personally.

- **If God is love, who was God giving and receiving love from before creation?**

Consider the relational aspect within the Trinity.

Section 4: Relationship and Growth

- **How do preconceived ideas affect our understanding of the Trinity?**

Explore the importance of setting aside previous viewpoints.

- **How did you come to know Jesus, and how has your relationship with Him changed over time?**

Reflect on your personal journey.

- **How do we typically define “relationship,” and how does this apply to our relationship with Jesus?**

Compare human relationships to your relationship with Jesus.

- **Why might a relationship with God feel stagnant, and what can cause it to deepen?**

Identify factors that influence spiritual growth.

Section 5: Analogies and Application

- **What analogy is used to describe the difference between light and flame, and how does it relate to the Trinity?**

Explain the significance of this analogy.

- **Why is it important to pass on what we learn about God to our children?**

Discuss the responsibility of sharing spiritual insights.

- **How do the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relate to one another in the context of love and relationship?**

Summarize the relational dynamics within the Trinity.

Personal Reflection

- *Which question challenged your understanding the most?*
- *What new insights did you gain about the Trinity?*
- *How will you apply these lessons in your daily life or spiritual practice?*

