

## Discussion Guide: Trinity – The Yahweh Fusion (Part 1)

### 1. Opening Prompt – Setting the Stage

The lesson emphasizes that many believers know *about* God, but fewer understand the deeper “why” behind Jesus and God’s desire for relationship.

#### Discussion Starter:

- What was your earliest understanding of *why* Jesus matters?
- How has that understanding grown—or stayed the same—over the years?

### 2. God’s Desire to Be Close (Exodus 19)

The lesson explains that God didn’t just want the people to witness Him; He wanted them to **come up the mountain and be enveloped by His presence**.

#### Questions:

- What does it say about God’s character that He initiated the invitation to come close?
- How does this challenge the idea that the Old Testament God was “distant”?

#### Reflection:

Share a time when you felt God drawing you closer than before.

### 3. The Human Tension: Desire and Fear

The people wanted God... but only to a point. When He invited them to Him, they backed away and said, “Moses, you go for us.”

#### Questions:

- Why do you think people today still hesitate to approach God personally?
- In what ways might we ask others (pastors, leaders, mentors) to “go to God for us”?

### 4. God’s Pursuit Through the Flood Narrative

Even after the flood, God notes that the human heart hasn’t changed—yet He still chooses covenant instead of destruction.

#### Questions:

- What does this reveal about God’s patience and long-term plan for humanity?
- How does seeing God pursue relationship—even after human failure—impact your view of Him?

### 5. Wilderness as God’s Meeting Place

God showed up in a **burning bush**, in a **wilderness**, and on a **mountain**, not in ornate temples.

#### Questions:

- Why might God choose wilderness places instead of impressive man-made structures?
- What “wilderness seasons” have shaped your own walk with God?

### **Application Thought:**

Wilderness often strips away distractions so God can become our only source.

How does that truth land with you?

## **6. A People Who Choose Distance**

When God invited all the people up the mountain, they refused and sent Moses in their place.

### **Questions:**

- What fears or misconceptions might cause someone to stay at a distance from God?
- Does a part of you resonate with the people's reaction? Why or why not?

## **7. The Golden Calf Problem**

The people didn't just worship a calf—they worshipped a **version of Yahweh they preferred**, shaped by their own comfort and impatience.

### **Questions:**

- What are some modern forms of “golden calves”—ways we reshape God into a more convenient version?
- How can we guard our hearts against creating a God of our own preferences?

## **8. God's Original Plan: A People Who Carry His Presence**

The lesson teaches that God desired—then and now—to make His people into **tabernacles**, carriers of His presence, bringing life to the world.

### **Questions:**

- What does it mean to you personally to “carry” God's presence?
- How might your community look different if believers embraced this identity?

## **9. Personal Application & Spiritual Check-In**

### **Self-Reflection Questions:**

- Where is God inviting me to step closer or allow Him to move into right now?
- What is one fear, misconception, or comfort preference that keeps me at a distance?
- What might change if I respond to God's invitation rather than avoiding it?

## **10. Closing Prayer Prompt**

“Yahweh, help us draw near—not to a version of You we prefer, but to You as You truly are. Help us become the tabernacles You always intended us to be.”

## **Worksheet: Trinity – The Yahweh Fusion (Part 1)**

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### **SECTION 1 — Big Ideas**

#### **1. God’s Desire for Relationship**

The lesson teaches that God has always desired to *walk with and in His people*, beginning in the Old Testament.

**In your own words, what does this mean?**

#### **2. Human Hesitation**

When God invited the people to come near at Mount Sinai, they resisted and asked Moses to go for them.

**Why do you think people still hesitate to approach God today?**

### **SECTION 2 — Reflection Questions**

#### **3. Understanding Your Own Response**

Do you see yourself more like Moses (willing to go up the mountain) or the people (staying at a distance)? Explain why.

#### **4. Wilderness Moments**

God chose to meet His people in the wilderness, not in a temple. Why does God want to meet us in the wilderness?

Describe a “wilderness season” in your life and what you learned from it.

#### **5. The Golden Calf Principle**

The people didn’t just worship a calf—they created a version of Yahweh they preferred.

What is a modern example of reshaping God into something more comfortable?

### **SECTION 3 — Scripture Exploration**

Read the following passages mentioned in the lesson and answer the prompts:

#### **Exodus 19:13**

What stands out to you about God’s invitation and His boundaries?

#### **Exodus 20:19**

Why did the people fear hearing directly from God?

## **Genesis 6:5–8 & 8:15–22**

What do these passages reveal about God’s view of the human heart and His long-term plan?

### **SECTION 4 — Personal Application**

#### **6. Where Is God Inviting You to Draw Closer?**

Identify one specific area of your life where you sense God inviting you to “come up the mountain.” Or the aspect of how He wants you to be His alone.

#### **7. What Holds You Back?**

List any fears, misconceptions, or habits that might keep you at a distance.

#### **8. Becoming God’s Tabernacle**

The lesson teaches that God wants to make you a “tabernacle”—a carrier of His presence. What would that look like in your daily life?

### **SECTION 5 — Commitment**

#### **9. One Step Forward**

Write down *one* practical step you will take this week to respond to God’s invitation.

#### **10. Prayer**

Write a short prayer asking God to help you draw near.