

## WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

### *The Trinity*

#### Discussion Questions

- **How comfortable are you explaining the Trinity to someone else?**
  - What are some ways you've heard the Trinity described?
  - Why are analogies that attempt to illustrate the Trinity problematic?
  - Is it enough to accept the Trinity as an unknowable mystery without striving to know and understand more about God in his three-in-oneness?
  
- **Reflect on the following statement - When it comes to understanding the Trinity, what we do know gives direction to what we don't know.**
  
- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5**
  - Why was monotheism a significant distinction in the faith of ancient Israel?
  - We know God exists as Father, Son, and Spirit. How do you reconcile that he is also One?
  
- **Reflect on the following statement - The best way to understand God is to start with the Son. When we do that we find that the first thing to say about God is that he is a Father.**
  - What comes to mind when you hear that God is a Father?
  - How would you help someone who lives with the baggage of a bad earthly father see that God is not a reflection of those memories?
  
- **Read 1 John 4:8-9**
  - What does the apostle say is the way we KNOW that God is love?
- **Read John 1:1-14**
  - What does this tell us about Jesus?
  - Was Jesus created by God?
- **Read Matthew 3:13-17**
  - How do we observe all three members of the Trinity in this passage?
  - What role does each member of the Trinity play in this scene?
  
- **What does it mean that "The Triune God is an outwardly focused being?"**
  
- **Read Genesis 1:26**
  - What does it mean that humans are created in God's image?
  - How might God's Trinitarian nature be part of the way we are to image him in creation?
- **Read Mark 12:29-31**
  - What stands out to you in this passage?
  - How can the Triune God's outwardly focus help us live out the greatest commandments?