

Small Group Study Questions Week 1

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NASB 1995)

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NASB 1995)

29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Psalm 119:68 (NASB 1995)

68 You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

John 3:16 (NASB 1995)

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:5-6 (NASB 1995)

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 17:4-5 (NASB 1995)

4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. **5** Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 1:1 (NLT)

1 In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 4:10 (NASB 1995)

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Genesis 1:2 (NASB 1995)

2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Luke 1:35 (NASB 1995)

35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

DIGGING DEEPER

What was something that was hard to understand or grasp with when you were younger? What is the hardest concept or truth you have ever had to try to understand now?

Is there anything you still don't understand that you want to?

Read Matthew 3:16-17 What does this scene show us about God?

What do you know about the Trinity? Give a summary of what you know about the relationship and roles of Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

Read John 17:4-5

When did Jesus begin? At birth, before creation, or has he always been? (Hint: He has always been - John 1:1, 1 Peter 1:20)

Think about this statement: The Father was always the Father, the Son always Son, and the Spirit always Spirit. Is it hard to think of God in this way?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace means not only that a gift is free, but that the giver is free from being forced to do anything. The words gratuity, gratitude and grateful all have this sense - along with the word please. Can you illustrate this in different sentences we use daily? Is this surprising to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Did God need to give us grace? If he did, does this ruin his nature of not needing anything beyond himself? If he did not, what does it mean for us?

If God did not do anything for us - would this make him an imaginary God?

Is it possible to love God for himself, without reference to what he has done for us?

CHURCH PRAYER REQUEST

Pastor

Rio Rico Campus Pastor - Rick & Minerva Vogeler Pray for focus in juggling seminary classes and church plant responsibilities Pray for God's guidance in all of the details leading up to the January 16th Launch Pray for strength to endure the enemy's attacks

Ministry Spotlight

Safety Team Pray for the leadership as they lead the team Pray for God's discernment as they watch over the property Pray for the safety of our property