

# More GOD Please

## The 3 in 1 God (Trinity)

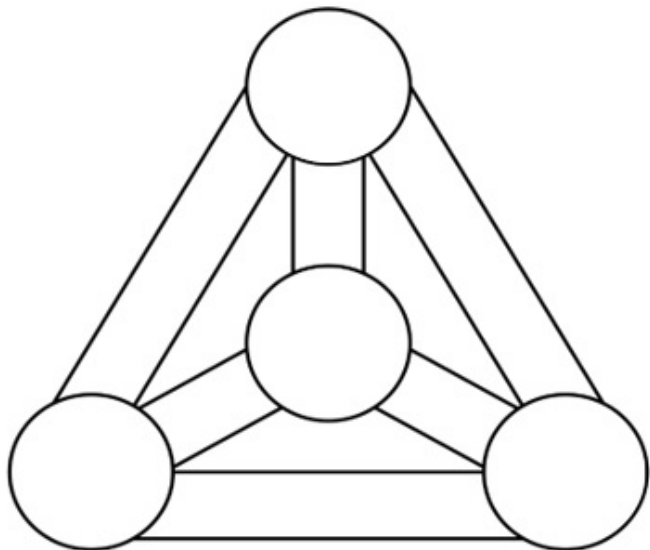
### CREEKSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH – STATEMENT OF FAITH

► **THE FATHER:** The Father reigns with providential care over all life and history in the created universe; He hears and answers prayer. He initiated salvation by sending His Son, and He is Father to those who by faith accept His Son as Lord and Savior.

► **THE SON:** The Son became man, Jesus Christ, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Being fully God and fully man. He revealed God through His sinless life, miracles and teaching. He provided salvation through His atoning death in our place and by His bodily resurrection. He ascended into heaven where He rules over all creation. He intercedes for all believers and dwells in them as their ever present Lord.

► **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Scriptures. Through this Word, He convicts individuals of their sinfulness and of the righteousness of Christ, draws them to the Savior, and bears witness to their new birth. At regeneration and conversion, the believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit indwells, seals and gives spiritual gifts to all believers for ministry in the church and society. He empowers, guides, teaches, fills, sanctifies and produces the fruit of Christ likeness in all who yield to Him.

### NAPKIN EXPLANATION OF THE TRINITY



### THREE ETERNAL TRUTHS ABOUT GOD

God is \_\_\_\_\_

Each person is \_\_\_\_\_

There is \_\_\_\_\_

### CHRIST'S BAPTISM (Matthew 3:16-17)

### BELIEVER'S BAPTISM / OUR BAPTISM INTO DISCIPLESHIP (Matthew 28:18-20)

### GOING DEEPER INTO THE BEHAVIOR OF THE TRINITY

- 1 Look at the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 1:7; John 14:26; 16:13-14)
- 2 Look at the Son (Mark 10:45; John 5:19; 8:28, 54; 17:20-21)
- 3 Look at the Father (Matthew 17:5)

### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT US? (How Then Shall We Live?)

► Embrace \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:3-6)

► Lean into your \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:26-27)



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LifeGroup Discussion Questions—1/23/2022

## Prayer

Take a few moments to check in with your group and reconnect. What was a highlight event that happened in the last few months?

## My Story

They say opposites attract in romantic relationships, but what about friendships and other kinds of relationships? Tell a story of how a person who was vastly different from you, made a strong positive impact on your life.

## Digging Deep

1) The Trinity: Tri + Unity. 3 persons in 1 being. God exists eternally in three coequal persons who act together in creation, providence, and redemption. How do you understand this concept personally? How would you explain the Trinity to a non-Christian?

2) For what you love most in life, you will yearn to learn more about. Although the Trinity and other characteristics of God may seem mysterious or beyond our understanding, why is it important that we familiarize ourselves with the truth of God's character?

## Digging Even Deeper

3) **Read Genesis 1:26-27.** (Notice the unity and plurality of this language... God is both singular and plural at the same time!) What do these verses say about our purpose as God's image-bearers? Why is it important to understand that we are made in the likeness of our relational and loving God?

4) **Read John 16:13-14.** Here we see the Holy Spirit's role as an advocate for the Son. We can know we are being prompted by the Holy Spirit if our convictions line up with the words and message of the Son. How do these verses display the distinction and the unity of roles between the Holy Spirit and the Son?

5) **Read John 17:1-5.** This passage clearly shows the distinction of two divine personalities – The Father and the Son. But it also displays the unity of the one being we worship as the one true God. They share their glory with one another. How does this selfless nature reflect the character of God? Discuss ways we can reflect that selfless nature in our relationships and with the world around us.

## Taking it Home

6) The Trinity (Tri-Unity God) helps show us that God has always been relational. God the Father did not at one point in history choose to create the Son and Holy Spirit, but instead has always been in relationship with the Son and the Spirit as part of His own character from all eternity. How does that impact our assurance of His unconditional love towards us?

7) The three Persons of the Trinity are coequal, yet play complementary roles in creation, providence (sustaining all creation), and our salvation (or "new creation"). Discuss ways the three differing roles show distinction from one another, yet still display equality with one another.

8) **Read Ephesians 4:3-6.** In the life of the Church, our families, our workplaces, and community, how can we reflect the image of the Trinity to value diversity from one another while showing intentionality for unity?

9) *"Made in the image of God, we are created to delight in harmonious relationship, to love God, and to love one another. The act of sin was turning this outward love towards ourselves, and now instead of running towards God, we run away."* (Delighting in the Trinity, Michael Reeves). What are some specific actions you can take to turn away from sin and run toward the Trinitarian love of God as we were designed to do?

## Praying Together

Pray with your group that we begin to grasp the fullness of love and glory that is found in our Triune God. Pray that we understand that we are made in the image of a loving (3 in 1) God that desires for us to pour out our love to others just as He does toward us.