

WHO IS GOD?

Discussing the Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit

HEAD



1. **Where do we go to understand?**

-Search the scripture-

- Genesis 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-16
- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Mark 1:9-11
- Matthew 28:18-20
- John 14:6-7
- Acts 2:1-4

HEART



2. **What questions does this cause you to ask?**

-Acknowledge the struggle-

- Who am I talking to when I pray?
- What is God like?
- Can I know who God is?
- Why is it so confusing to understand God?
- Other

How do the scriptures above help as you wrestle through your questions?

-Invite the Spirit into the mystery-

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What Chapel Hill's pastors have understood in our wrestling:

We see each member of the Trinity described as individual persons in Scripture, with feelings, actions, and roles that show them as divine in nature. But we also see the members of the Trinity together at creation, in covenant, at Jesus' baptism, in our mission, and in the culmination of all time. So we affirm the mystery of the Trinity: that God is one holy being, unified in nature as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

HANDS

3. How can we talk about this with others?

-Practice the conversation-



- How will you explain the Trinity to a child?
- We sometimes use metaphors, like a three-leaf clover or the three states of water (ice, liquid, steam), to try and understand the Trinity. But how could these metaphors fall short in describing the Trinity?
- A Mormon missionary knocks on your door. In the course of conversation you realize they don't believe that Jesus and God are the same being. What do you ask to point this out?

4. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

God, we know that your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are higher than ours. We want to know you. Thank you for revealing yourself to us— Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Clarify for us any lingering confusion; shed light on any confusing thoughts we have. We lay our questions before you [allow silence to pray out loud or silently the questions that remain]. Thank you for dying for us, Jesus. Thank you for coming to live in us, Holy Spirit. We look forward to being with you forever, our good Father.