Making Disciples

Notes for Group Session Five

The Trinity, Father God, Loving and Obeying Him

Session Goals:

1. The disciple will be able to explain the Trinity in their own words at the end of the session.
2. The disciple will recall a scripture that stood out to him/her during the session.
3. The disciple will identify an area of their life that they have been challenged by God to be obedient in recently.

Begin the session praying together and reviewing the Action Steps from the previous week. Pray with individuals who had difficulty applying the information from last week. Thank God where there were successes in the application.

The Trinity:

The living God of the Bible is one God but also three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- Genesis 1:26" God said let us make man in ***our image***." (plural)

- Matthew 3:16 -17 "When ***Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit came like a dove and the Father said this is my son*** whom I love and in whom I am well pleased. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit were all present."

- Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations ***baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"*** this indicates that every disciple should understand the Trinity and the three individual members.

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- Loving relationships are central to who God is.

1 John 4:8 "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

- The three in The Godhead share the same thoughts.

John 10:30 "Jesus said, 'I and the Father are one.' Jesus and God share the same thoughts."

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God for who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

- The three, give testimony in heaven.

I John 5:7 "For there are three that give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one."

Discussion

Which member of Trinity do you find the easiest to relate to? Is there one that is harder to relate to? Pray together for those that have struggled in an area.

Father God

- God is merciful.

Luke 6:36 "Be merciful just as your father is merciful."

- All things exist from Him.

1 Corinthians 8:6 "Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."

- He is our Redeemer.

Isaiah 63:16 "For you are our father though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you are God our father, our Redeemer from of old is your name."

- God is our provider.

Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Matthew 6.31-33 says "Do not worry then, saying what will we eat? or what will we drink? Or what will we wear for clothing? For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things for your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek ye first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

- He rules and riches and honor come from Him.

1 Chronicles 29:12. "Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule overall. In your hand is power and might, and it lies in your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone."

- He is the potter.

Is. 64:8 "He is the Potter, and we are the work of his hands."

- He will judge the world in righteousness.

Acts 17:31 "He has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the Man he has ordained. He has given us assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

- He judges fairly.

I Peter 1:17-19 "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver or gold from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb, without blemish and without spot."

Psalm 89:14 "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; Mercy and truth go before your face."

Romans 2:11 "For there is no partiality with God."

Isaiah 33:22 "For the Lord is our judge. The Lord is our Lawgiver. The Lord is our King. He will save us."

Psalm 75:7 "But God is the judge. He puts down one and exalts the other."

- Discuss the Hebrew names of God on a separate hand out.

Loving God

- Jesus prayed that the Fathers love for Him would be in the Disciples.

John 17:26 "And I have declared to them your name and will declare it that your love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

- Whoever lives in love lives in God.

1 John 4:16 "God is Love whoever lives in love lives in God and God in them."

- The Greatest Commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind this is the first and greatest commandment."

- Grasp the greatness of His love.

Ephesians 3:17-19 "And I pray that you are being rooted and established in love may have the power, together with all the Lord's people to grasp how wide long high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

- Abide in His Love.

John 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in my love."

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Luke 10:27 "So he answered and said. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

- Those who love God obey Him.

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them. It is he who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Obeying God

- If you obey God, you will be a special treasure to Him.

Exodus 19:5 "Now, therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice, and keep my covenant. Then you shall be a special treasure to me, above all people, for the Earth is Mine."

- Bring even your thoughts into the captivity of the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

- We have received grace for obedience to the faith.

Romans 1:5 "Through him we have received Grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for his name."

- Blessings are set before us.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse. The blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today, and the curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God but turn aside from the way which I command you today to go after other gods which you have not known."

- Obey his voice, and He will be your God.

Jeremiah 7:23 "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people, and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you."

- When we obey, we are no longer slaves to sin.

Romans 6:17 "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."

- To obey is better than sacrifice.

I Samuel 15:22 "So Samuel said, 'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.'"

- If you obey God, he will give you rain for your land.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14 "And it shall be that if you earnestly obey my commandments, which I command you today to love the Lord your God and serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land and its season, the early rain, and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain. Your new wine and your oil."

- Diligently obey the Lord.

Deuteronomy 28:1 "Now it will come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all his commandments, which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth."

Action Steps

- Focus on one attribute of God. Intentionally, throughout your day, look for that attribute to be experienced through your senses, through nature, through your relationships, through your circumstances. Take some notes and talk in the next session about what you experienced.

- Is there something that you believe God is asking you to do? Maybe it is something that is difficult to obey. If you can be open about it in the group, we'll pray for you if it is hard to share just ask us to pray without sharing details.