



## LifeGroup Discussion Guide

### Trinity

God is one in “being” and three in “person”. This is difficult for us to comprehend, because we are one in “being” and “one” in person: mono-personal. Why do you think it is difficult to synthesize our concept of the Trinity? How is your Christian walk enriched when you encounter God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

When we study **Matthew 28:19** we discover a distinctively Trinitarian formulation concerning baptism. In our lesson on Sunday we learned that this formula is more than something to be recited during water baptism, and that our immersion as disciples must be characterized by this identity-defining doctrine of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Read 28:20.** If it is true that “baptism” is intended to reference a holistic indoctrination of Trinitarian theology, how would the second command to “teach” disciples to obey be aided in this environment of acknowledging the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? In short, can you chart out in your own Christian experience how the Trinity is present in your obedience to Jesus’ commands? **Read 1 Peter 1:1-2** for an example.

**Proverbs 30:4** is a riddle that is referenced in Romans 10 and Ephesians 4. It is a significant Old Testament reference to the “one” God in plural description as Creator. There are two symbols present for the Holy Spirit, see if you can find both? [HINT: the first one is referenced in **John 3:8** and **Acts 2:2**; the second one is referenced in **John 7:39** and **Isaiah 44:3**].

For some more Old Testament references to the Trinity see: **Isaiah 42:1; 48:16; 61:1**. Describe their unique roles based upon the scripture’s functional descriptions?

#### **Read Galatians 4:4-7**

From this passage describe the function of God in each of the three persons (what do each do in relationship to one another)? Put the gospel in your own words (using themes from this passage) and make sure to include each person of the Trinity and their roles.

Close your meeting with Paul’s benediction from **2 Corinthians 13:14**.