

Syllabus for the Trinity Bible Study Series

Session 1: God the Father - The Source and Sustainer

Objective: To understand the role of God the Father in creation, redemption, and as the sovereign Lord.

Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1-2: God as Creator of the heavens and the earth.
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5: The Shema, affirming God's oneness and command to love Him fully.
- Matthew 6:9-13: Jesus' teaching on relating to the Father through prayer.
- Romans 8:15-17: Believers are adopted as God's children, calling Him "Abba, Father."

Expanded Topics:

- 1. God as Creator: Explore how the Father initiated creation and sustains it through His power (Hebrews 1:3).**
- 2. The Father's Love: Discuss God's sacrificial love, demonstrated through sending His Son for humanity (John 3:16).**
- 3. The Father in the Trinity: Understand the Father's unique role in sending the Son and the Spirit, showing His sovereignty and relational nature.**

Activity: Reflect on times you've experienced God's provision and care. How does knowing God as Father affect your view of Him?

Discussion Question: What does the Lord's Prayer reveal about how we should approach the Father?

Session 2: God the Son - Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord

Objective: To explore the person and work of Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man.

Key Scriptures:

- John 1:1-14: Jesus as the Word who became flesh and revealed God.
- Colossians 1:15-20: Christ as the image of the invisible God and head of creation.
- Philippians 2:5-11: Jesus' humility and exaltation.
- Hebrews 1:1-4: The Son as the radiance of God's glory.

Expanded Topics:

1. **Jesus' Dual Nature:** Explore the mystery of Jesus being fully God and fully human, essential for salvation.
2. **Redemption Through the Son:** Examine Jesus' role as the Lamb of God who takes away sin (John 1:29).

3. **Jesus in the Trinity:** Discuss the Son's submission to the Father and His sending of the Spirit (John 14:26).

Activity: Meditate on Philippians 2:5-11 and discuss how Jesus' humility challenges you to live differently.

Discussion Question: What does Jesus' relationship with the Father reveal about His mission on earth?

Session 3: God the Holy Spirit - The Comforter and Empowerer

Objective: To examine the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life and the church.

Key Scriptures:

- John 14:16-17, 26: The Spirit as Comforter and Teacher.
- Acts 1:8; 2:1-4: The Spirit empowers believers for ministry.
- Romans 8:9-11: The Spirit's role in bringing life and resurrection power.
- Galatians 5:22-25: The fruit of the Spirit in believers' lives.

Expanded Topics:

1. **The Spirit's Role:** Explore how the Spirit brings conviction (John 16:8), illuminates Scripture, and empowers believers.
2. **Gifts and Fruits:** Discuss the spiritual gifts for ministry (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) and the fruits of the Spirit for character.
3. **The Spirit in the Trinity:** Understand how the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, working in perfect unity.

Activity: Identify areas in your life where you see the Spirit's fruit and areas where you desire growth.

Discussion Question: How does the Holy Spirit's work impact your daily walk with Christ?

Session 4: The Trinity - Unity in Diversity

Objective: To understand the unity and diversity within the Trinity and how this shapes Christian faith and practice.

Key Scriptures:

- Matthew 28:19: The Trinitarian formula in baptism.
- 2 Corinthians 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus, love of God, and fellowship of the Spirit.
- Ephesians 4:4-6: Unity in the body of Christ rooted in the Trinity.
- Revelation 4:8-11: Worship of the Triune God in heaven.

Expanded Topics:

1. **One God, Three Persons:** Delve into the doctrine of the Trinity—God is one essence but three distinct Persons.
2. **Interpersonal Relationships in the Trinity:** Explore how the Father, Son, and Spirit love and glorify one another.
3. **Practical Implications:** Discuss how the Trinity informs worship, prayer, and Christian community, modeling unity and diversity.

Activity: Draw a diagram of the Trinity, illustrating its unity and distinctions. Reflect on how this shapes your view of God.

Discussion Question: How does the Trinity's unity challenge us to live in harmony with others?

Final Reflection for the Series:

- How has this study deepened your understanding of God?
- Which aspect of the Trinity resonates most with you in your personal faith journey?