

Study Guide #2 – Sunday March 15th
Growing in Greater Intimacy with Jesus – Spring 2020

Summary: The Triune God (Trinity), One God revealed/expressed in three persons, living (“be-ing”) in perfect Unity, exemplifying Community, demonstrating submission and love (Agape)

Three in One and One in Three

The Trinity/Triune God

BELIEVING

Deut. 6:4-5/Gal. 4:4-6

Oneness of God/Deity of the three: the key - mutual submission

This means that God is a relational God. He created us in his image to relate to him and others in love and trust.

Because of the trinity, I can relate to God in love. Christ showed me how to love and the Spirit enables me to love.

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

Do you know of an analogy that can help you understand God has Trinity?

How do you see the triune nature of God revealed in Galatians 4:4-6?

Why is believing in God as Trinity such a big deal?

We might say that God is community what does God being in community say about the importance of fellowship our community for us?

How important is mutual submission in Trinity and relationship? (See Eph 5:21)

Life Together

Fellowshipping - Acts 2:42-47

BEHAVING

The journey into love – A Closer look...

we were/are made for community; for fellowship; for having and sharing in common.

In community, we experience our identity and belonging.

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

What do you see as the most noticeable Fellowship habit in the New Testament church?

What four things did the New Testament church devote themselves to? See Acts 2:42-47

What theological principles do you see and Acts 2:42-47 that tell us what Fellowship is and how we can experience it?

How much time do you spend with other Christians devoting yourselves to Bible study to prayer to community building and to meeting practical needs and to worship? How important do you think these things are to your growing relationship with the Lord?

The Greatest of These

LOVE

BECOMING

1 Corinthians 13:4-8/1 John 4:7-8; 8-12

It is a Command to Love; it is a Choice; it is an action. One might say, *“Love is acting in the best interest of another”*

How do we become more loving? God first loves us. We learn and grow in accepting God’s love for us.

God is alive in me through loving

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Discuss this definition of love.

Take a closer look at 1 John 4:7-12. What does this text teach us about love?

- 1 John 4:7-8
- 1 John 4:9-10
- 1 John 4:11-12

How difficult is it for YOU to accept God’s love and grace?

Do you agree that without accepting God’s love for yourself, it is difficult for you to love Him and others?
What would help you accept God’s love?

Why does John say, “knows God” rather than “knows about God”? (v.7-8)

Explain the connection between Trinity, Fellowship (or community) and love?

What are the greatest obstacles to love in your life?

What are three specific things you can do this week to cultivate love?