

SESSION 2: GOD AND THE ONE ANOTHERS



IN THIS SESSION

Uncovering how the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit serves as both the source and example of “one anothering.”



KEY PASSAGES

- **Matthew 3:16-17** ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”
- **Matthew 28:19-20** 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
- **John 17:20-23** ²⁰ My prayer is not for [my disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.



DISCUSS

- Coming into this Session, what was your understanding of the Trinity? Whether they were adequate, limited or relatively absent, how did you arrive at these conclusions?
- The Trinity is a concept so mysterious that even great Bible scholars have spent their entire lives attempting to unpack it. Given what you viewed and heard in this session, how does even a biblical understanding of relationships in the Trinity impact your perspective on the idea of community?
- What is compelling to you about the “glimpse of Trinitarian love” you see in the account of Jesus’ baptism? When you read **Matthew 28:18-20** what are some additional thoughts you have about relationships within the Trinity and how might these enhance the portrait of Jesus’ baptism?
- In your group or with another person, share personal stories where you believe you’ve either seen healthy, Trinitarian-like interaction. Also, share times where you believe you’ve seen the exactly the opposite (i.e. relational dysfunction or extreme self-centeredness to the neglect and detriment of others).



PRAY

- Thank God that he has given the church such an incredible source and example of what it means to be in an authentic gospel-centered community. Praise him for the love he has poured out in Christ and ask him to connect your heart to his in a deeper, more transformational way.