



Unit 1: The Triune God in a Fragmented World

- (9) There is one God. The Father, the Son and the Spirit are God. The Father, the Son and the Spirit are differentiated in that the Father is not the Son or the Spirit, nor is the Son the Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6)
- (11) Humanity is modeled on the triune community. We are made in the image of the Triune God (Gen. 1:26-27). Because humanity is made in the image of the Trinity, we become truly human the more we image the Trinity.
- (14) The Christian community is to reflect the divine community. We are to love and care for one another.

Questions – Why is the Trinity good news to co-workers and neighbors living in a fragmented world? What are some ways in which your family relationships could reflect the unity of the Trinity more fully? How does a biblical understanding of the Trinity encourage Christians to preserve unity in their local church?

Unit 2: The Sovereign God in an Anxious World

- (19) Our God is so great He simply speaks and brings things into being.
- (21) We can have complete confidence in God; he is greater than all the things we fear.
- (22) If you believe that God is great, powerful and in control, then you will not fear.
- (26) God is sovereign not only over the general course of history, but also over the human heart.
- (27) God wants us to pray because he does not want to move us around like pieces on a cosmic chessboard. He wants a relationship with us; amazingly God wants our cooperation.

Questions – What passages of Scripture highlight the Sovereignty of God for you? What are you anxious about? How does God's sovereignty encourage you in your anxiety? How does God's Sovereignty encourage you to be more fervent and bold in prayer for yourself and others?

Unit 3: The Creator God in a Material World

- (31) God created the world; created everything from nothing. (33) The Father is the Creator, but he created all things through the Son and all things receive life through the Spirit.
- (36) God created a good world. No sin, no suffering, no tears. But after that came the "fall."
- (37) But in the bodily resurrection of Jesus, God affirms his creation and promises that one day he will get rid of all evil and suffering and ugliness and create a new heaven and a new earth.

Questions – Are there ways in which you could praise God more for the beauty of his creation? If God made everything, how does this truth challenge our pride and move us toward deeper humility?

Unit 4: The Person of Christ in a Hurting World

- (43) In our hurting world, affirming the humanity of Christ does not mean looking at our struggles from a distance, but Jesus entering our world.
- (45) Jesus could not simply appear as a man. He had to born a baby in order to be fully human and the promised one born of David's line.
- (47) The resurrection is the promise of a new world; the cross reveals the identity of God with those who suffer. (50) On the cross, the evilness of evil, the complete sovereignty of God and the unadulterated goodness of God are all demonstrated.

Questions – What connection can you make with Christ's humanity in the midst of your suffering? How can a clearer understanding of Christ's humanity help you face temptations and fight against sin?

Unit 5: The Sacrifice of Christ in a Guilty World

- (58) We owe God everything, so what could we give to repay our debt? Anything we could give him is already his.
- (61) The New Testament clearly portrays the cross as a victory over Satan and as a standard and guide for Christian discipleship.
- (62) Salvation starts with God, is achieved by God and is applied by God.

Questions – In what ways has this unit enabled you to cherish Christ's death more than you did before? Do you think that Christ's sacrifice on the cross is enough to pay for your sins? How do we fight against losing the wonder of Christ's sacrifice?