

God Is

Number one in a nine-part series on what we believe
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•So the concept of the trinity should not be seen as a _____, but as a _____.

•God perfectly meets our needs. God is _____, God is _____, and God is _____.

What's so cool about theology?

If... you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul (Duet. 4:29).

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Why do churches have doctrinal statements? What does it matter what we believe or that we hold these things in common?
2. Do you think that most Christians have a pretty good grasp on what they believe? Why is it important to be able to give a reason for your faith? See 1 Peter 3:15.
3. It seems like everyone used to believe in God but that few do now. What is going on?
4. Study the first few verses of Ps. 19. They describe how the cosmos is a marvelous display of God's craftsmanship. What do you observe in this passage of Scripture?
5. Can you defend the logical case for a Creator in a simple and succinct way? Try.
6. Think of what you know of the natural sciences. What is there about the earth that seems to point to the fact that it was designed specifically to house humans?
7. Read Ps. 100:3; Jer. 32:17; Rev. 4:11. What difference does it make that God created all things and you in particular?
8. Take a look at Col. 1:16. What are the obvious implications of that verse? How will knowing this change the way you live?
9. What is meant by the idea that the doctrine of the trinity is not a problem, but a solution?
10. See John 14:16-18 for a beautiful picture of all three members of the trinity at work!

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