

WEEK TWO - WHO IS GOD? DEVOTIONAL

This week we will explore what we believe about God, focusing on the themes of the Trinity, God's nature, and our relationship with Him. Each day will provide scripture, reflections, and prayer prompts to guide you on this journey of discovery.

Day 1

Matthew 28:19–20

This day, let's delve deeper into the significance of the Great Commission. Jesus instructed, "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." This scripture not only commands us to spread the gospel but also succinctly encapsulates the concept of the Trinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God in three persons, a mystery that underpins our faith and invites us into a lifelong journey of understanding.

Reflecting on this, we must acknowledge that our finite minds might never fully grasp the entirety of God's nature. However, Jesus' words reassure us that He is always with us, guiding our steps. Embracing the Trinity means welcoming the interconnectedness of God's roles as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. This scripture encourages us to live in the assurance and comfort that comes from this divine relationship.

- How do you currently understand the concept of the Trinity?
- In what ways can you see the roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in your own life?
- How does acknowledging the Trinity affect your daily walk with Christ?
- Pray for a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Trinity.
- Ask God to reveal His presence in all three forms in your life.

Day 2

John 14:6-7

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also." Here, Jesus underscores His unique role within the Trinity and His divine connection to God the Father. Through Jesus, we gain access to an intimate relationship with God, understanding that Jesus and the Father are one. This scripture emphasizes the

incarnational nature of God, who walked among us and showed us the path to eternal life.

In our pursuit of understanding God, it is crucial to start with Jesus. Knowing Him leads us to know the Father. This relationship is central to Christian faith, providing a foundation for our beliefs and practices. By embracing Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life, we can deepen our faith and trust in God's plan for us.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life?
- How has your relationship with Jesus helped you understand God the Father better?
- In what ways can you seek to know Jesus more intimately in your daily life?
- Thank God for revealing Himself through Jesus.
- Pray for a stronger connection with Jesus and a deeper understanding of His role in the Trinity.

Day 3

Mark 1:10–11

This passage from Mark describes a powerful moment where all three persons of the Trinity are manifest: "Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" This event at Jesus' baptism clearly shows the Trinity in action, reinforcing the interconnectedness and individual roles within the Godhead.

Understanding the Trinity helps us appreciate how God relates to us in multiple ways. As Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, He is involved in every aspect of our lives. Reflecting on the baptism of Jesus, we can see the love and approval of the Father, the obedience of the Son, and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit. This scene provides a model for our own relational dynamics with God, encouraging us to seek His presence in all its forms.

- How do you encounter each person of the Trinity in your spiritual journey?
- What does the baptism of Jesus reveal about God's character?
- In what ways can you become more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life?
- Thank God for revealing the fullness of Himself through the Trinity.
- Pray for a heart that is open to encountering God in all His forms.

Day 4

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." This opening line of the Bible introduces God as the Creator, the Father who brought all things into existence. Reflecting on God's creative power helps us understand His immense love and intentionality in designing the world and our lives. As the Father, God is intricately involved in the works of His creation, caring for it and sustaining it.

Recognizing God as our Father invites us into a relationship of trust and dependency. Just as a child looks to their parent for guidance and protection, we can look to God, assured of His provision and care. This perspective changes how we interact with the world, knowing that everything is held within the hands of a loving Creator.

- In what ways do you see God's creative power in the world around you?
- How does recognizing God as your Father affect your relationship with Him?
- What steps can you take to deepen your trust in God's provision and care?
- Thank God for His creative power and His care for His creation.
- Ask for a deeper faith to trust in God's provision.

Day 5

Matthew 6:6

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." Jesus' instruction on prayer emphasizes the personal nature of our relationship with God. Referring to God as "your Father" signifies a close, familial bond that transforms our understanding of prayer from a ritual into an intimate conversation with our Creator.

In this final day of the devotional, let's focus on nurturing that relationship through prayer. Seeing God as our Father reshapes our approach to prayer, inviting us to come to Him with the openness and trust of a child. This perspective fosters a deeper connection and reliance on God, enhancing our spiritual growth and strengthening our faith.

- How does referring to God as "your Father" change your approach to prayer?
- What are some ways you can make your prayer life more intimate and personal?
- How can you cultivate a deeper sense of trust and openness in your relationship with God?
- Pray for a more intimate and personal relationship with God.
- Thank God for being a loving and attentive Father.