

THE TRINITY – GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week we will be looking at the third person of the Trinity—God the Holy Spirit, and learn how knowing him better makes it easier for us to understand who he’s making us to be.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Prayer Journal
- Bibles
- Pens
- 4 Pieces of Paper

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

- Pray for the meeting
- Print & Read Discussion Guide
- Clean meeting room
- Clean bathroom
- Refreshments (Optional)
- Front door cracked open

OPENING (5-7 MIN)

Briefly welcome everyone and say: To get started today, let’s go around and answer:

WHEN YOU THINK OF A FAMOUS GHOST, WHO IS THE FIRST ONE THAT COMES TO MIND?

Say: Today we are not talking about ghosts, but we are talking about the Holy Ghost who is now more often called the Holy Spirit. Today in our series “The Trinity” we’re talking about GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, and how he relates to both the Father and the Son, and how he relates to us.

OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Say: Before we begin our discussion today, can someone start us off with a brief prayer for our time together?

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE (15-20 MIN)

After the prayer Say: Today we will be looking at some Bible passages to help us better understand God the Holy Spirit. I’m going to ask one of you to read aloud a Bible passage and, as we do, we’ll answer the question as a group:

WHAT DO THESE VERSES SAY ABOUT THE SPIRIT’S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON?

Romans 8:1-4 Romans 8:9-11 Romans 8:14-17 Romans 8:26-27

EXERCISE: THE TRINITY AT WORK (5-7 MIN)

NOTE: For this activity you will need the 4 pieces of paper. On one write, "My Sins"; on another write, "Forgive Them"; on the third write, "My Plans"; and, on the final one write, "Do This for Me."

Assign 4 group members the roles of: Me with "My Sins", the Son with "Forgive Them", the Father with "My Plans", and the Holy Spirit with "God's Plans for You". Have them line up with the Father and Me on the ends and the Son and the Holy Spirit side-by-side in the middle. Have them, beginning with Me, read their paper to the group and pass their paper to Me to the Son, the Son to the Father, the Father to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit to Me.

Say: This exercise, in a simple way, shows our relationship with each person of the Trinity and each person of the Trinity's relationship with us.

After doing the exercise, Say: As a follow up, let's read these verses again and ask

Romans 8:1-4 Romans 8:9-11 Romans 8:14-17 Romans 8:26-27

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO US?

IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE SHARING, WHERE DO YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

SAY: Listen to what Jesus says in John 14:26 –

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

HOW DO THOSE WORDS ENCOURAGE YOU IN LIGHT OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION?

After a discussion, Say: Let's close today with the words of Paul that we've heard at the end of each worship service this series. Hopefully this series and today's discussion their meaning to you.

MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO SHARE (2 MIN)

After the reading, Say: Before we close in prayer today, a few quick announcements:

Baptism Remembrance – 6:30, this Wednesday, November 1 – Join us for a special time of baptismal remembrance.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – this Sunday, November 5 – make sure you're a part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Sanctuary in all 3 services.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES – Help collect items for kids in other countries this Christmas by picking up one or more of the boxes in the church lobby. Filled boxes need to be returned by November 13.

CLOSING (5-10 MIN)

Say: For our prayer time today, as we continue to fill out our journal, are there any prayer requests?

Write your group's prayer requests in your journal. Then, close the group in prayer.