

# WHO IS GOD?

Genesis 1:1-2:3 | Acts 2:14, 22-36 | Matthew 28:16-20

Asking questions

How do we lean into His \_\_\_\_\_?

Where do we see an embracing \_\_\_\_\_?

What does it mean to have a sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_?

Where is His work in an animating \_\_\_\_\_?

Beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into something \_\_\_\_\_

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

The doctrine of the Trinity is, at least in part, what divides Christianity from other monotheistic religions (Judaism, Islam) and from Western Religions that have a sort of origin in Christianity but take a vastly different view of God (Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses). Part of it is a Bible difficulty, where we believe that the Bible discusses the Trinity, it never says the word Trinity. Part of it is the difficult nature of it for us – how do you be one being, “God” and also be three persons? How do three, distinct but not separate beings equal one “God” – again, we don't have the easiest language to sort it out, and most of the time when we do, we get it kind of wrong (and sometimes really really wrong. The biggest debate over who Jesus was happened over the Greek letter *iota*, or I. Whether Jesus was of the same substance as the Father (*homousious*) or similar substance(*homoiousious*)).

Read Matthew 28:16-20.

Reflect:

What does God actually want from the revelation of who He is as Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

How does the church still “go” and proclaim this God in our world?

Remember: “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.” Matthew 28:19