

Growth Group Questions

Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024

Introduction

This is our annual celebration of something we can never understand – God’s Triune nature. People over the centuries have tried to find an example to explain the Trinity but every example comes up short. Why? Google “Lutheran Satire Trinity” for a good YouTube video on bad analogies for the Trinity.

Into the Word – Isaiah 6:1-8

1. What subtle reference to the Trinity do you see in v. 3? How do we use this song of the angels in our worship still today?
2. The description of God emphasizes his greatness and majesty. What might the description of the angels emphasize about them? Contrast that to Isaiah’s description of himself in v. 5.
3. What does God do for Isaiah and what does he tell Isaiah to do? In what ways would we apply this to ourselves?

Into the Word – Romans 8:12-17

4. What reference to the Trinity do you see in these verses?
5. Did you know the Bible never describes humanity in general as “children of God”? What does each person of the Trinity do to make that an accurate title for believers?
6. Explain the blessing of verse 17 to us as we think of both the joys of heaven and the challenges of life on earth.

7. Lutherans are sometimes accused of not valuing the place of our good works to our Christian faith. While they are not a part of our hope of salvation, what place does Paul say they have in verses 12-13? How can a person “living by the flesh” lose out on God’s gift of salvation by grace?

Into the Word – John 3:1-17

8. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus is the only way “to see the kingdom of God”?
9. Some in the Christian faith use the term “born again” to describe a believer who has consciously dedicated their lives to Christ. How does Jesus use that term in these verses though? (Clues: must be born again to see the kingdom of God (v. 3), new birth is by water and the Spirit (v. 5), new birth is “of the Spirit” (v. 8)
10. Does this mean a person must be baptized to be saved? (Read Mark 16:16 and note what is missing for those who are condemned.)
11. Nicodemus was a spiritual leader in Israel, yet didn’t understand God’s plan of salvation! How does Jesus’ rebuke in verses 10-12 help prepare us when the Gospel of Christ that makes so much sense to us is dismissed or rejected by others?

Closing Prayer

Mighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless us this day and always. Give me confidence in salvation by grace alone, and move me to respond with a faithful new life in You. Amen.