

Who is God? The Trinity – CCC 198-267

God is a family of divine Persons whose life is perfect love and He wants a personal relationship with you.

1. **Divine Revelation:** God's communication of Himself
 - a. Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation to mankind – Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-14
 - b. The premier collection of God's Divine Revelation is found in the Bible (Scripture)
 - c. The premier source for the systematic explanation of God's Divine Revelation is the Catechism (Tradition)

2. **Who is God:** CCC 253-256
 - a. **God is love – perfect Love** - 1John 4:10, 16

 - b. **God is a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**
 - i. "The Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith" (CCC 234, see also Ephesians 3:3-5, 9, 10)
 1. **In Christian teaching, MYSTERY IS:** Something we could not have known unless God revealed it. We can understand it, but not completely.
 - a. Mystery is NOT something we cannot know or understand

 - c. **God is Father** – a perfect Father
 - i. Matthew 6:9 – God is Father and wants us to address Him as Father

 - d. **God is Son** – Eternally begotten
 - i. 1:1-3, 14; John 3:16 – The word of God takes on a human nature: Jesus

 - e. **God is Holy Spirit** – Of the Father and the Son
 - i. 2Cor 3:6 – The Spirit gives life
 - ii. John 15:26 – The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son

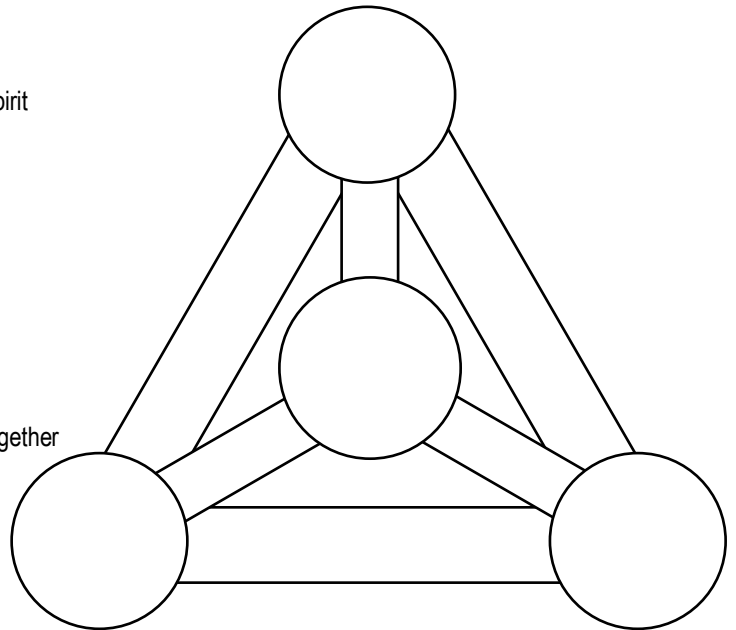
3. **What is God?** CCC 253-256
 - a. **God**
 - i. Person = who = Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - ii. Nature = what = Divine
 - iii. Supernatural

 - b. **Humans**
 - i. Person = who = Drake
 - ii. Nature = what = human
 - iii. Natural

 - c. **Three "who He is" one "what He is"**

 - d. **Matthew 28:18-19** - Father, Son and Holy Spirit together
(the Name of God, not names)

 - e. **GOD is relationship**



4. **What Does God Want?** A personal relationship with us. For us to know Him, Love Him and Serve Him and to live with Him eternally. He is our Father. John 3:16-17

The Blessed Trinity — Suggested Questions for Discussion:

Remember, these questions are only a guide. Please feel free to talk about anything that pertains to the subject at hand.

1. Take time to get to know everyone in your group
2. How familiar are you with the stories salvation history covered last week?
 1. Adam and Eve Noah Abraham Moses David Prophets Mary Jesus, etc.
3. Among the people you know, is God viewed as loving or judgmental?
4. How does knowing that God *is love* (perfect love) help us understand how God views us?

(He always does what's best for us, even when we don't see it)
5. Explain what having a personal relationship with God means to you.
6. To which person of the Trinity do you *least* relate? Why?
7. Discuss how each person on the Trinity are distinct (go back through diagram).
 - a. Do you understand the distinction between person and nature?
 - i. God
 1. Person = who = Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 2. Nature = what = Divine
 - ii. Humans
 1. Person = who = Drake
 2. Nature = what = human

Questions to think about for next week:

1. Read through Genesis chapter 1, 2 and 3 in the Bible to prepare for next week.
2. If Adam and Eve were perfect and without sin in the garden, why was it possible for them to sin?
3. According to the text in Genesis 3, what is the first consequence of Adam and Eve's sin?
4. How do you see the effects of sin and suffering in those around you?
5. How do we see God's loving provision in this story?