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Section: Doctrine of God

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q2. Are there more gods than one?**

No. There is only one true God.

**Q3. God exists eternally as how many persons?**

God exists eternally as one God, three Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit**.**

1. What are the differences between an open-handed theological topic and a closed-handed theological topic?
2. What is the difficulty in regards to the truth that there is only one God?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 8:5-6**. What is Paul teaching in regards to this often misused passage?
4. What are “idols?” Why does Scripture speak about God being the one and only God whenever the topic of idols is present?
5. How many times does God declare He is the ONLY God in the Isaiah verses we read tonight (refer to handout page if it’s helpful)? How does this overwhelming proclamation in Isaiah affect your understanding of God?
6. Read **Deuteronomy 4:39-40**. What does Moses mean when he says, “lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other”? How can you be proactive to “lay [this truth] to your heart”?
7. What is the difference between “being” and “person?” How has this explanation helped you understand the triune nature of God?
8. What does “distinction without division” mean? In what ways are the Persons of the Godhead distinct?
9. Why don’t these distinctions effect value, worth, and deity?
10. Read **John 1:1-3**. Share areas of unity and distinction from these verses.
11. What are some bad examples you have heard, or views you have held, in regards to the Trinity? How has tonight’s lesson helped to correct those?
12. Take some time as a group to pray for understanding and discernment. This topic is rich and complicated, but it is also beautiful, and we are blessed to have a good and right understanding of it.