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Section: Doctrine of God

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**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. Read **1 Corinthians 8:6.** How do we see the deity of God the Father clearly revealed in this passage? Have any of you ever misunderstood the Father’s personhood in the Godhead? If so in what ways?
2. What attributes and acts do the Scriptures apply to Christ that could only be applied to God?
3. In what ways did we unpack the deity of Jesus Christ tonight? What does it mean that Jesus called Himself “I am”?
4. Read and compare **John 8:49-59** and **Isaiah 42:8**. If God is jealous for His glory and He will not give it to another, then what is Jesus claiming in the John passage?
5. According to **John 20:28,** one of Jesus’ own disciples called Him his Lord and his God. Why is it such a big deal that Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for this?
6. Read **Matthew 3:16-17** and **2 Corinthians 13:14**. In what ways do we see distinctions between the three persons of the triune God? In what ways do you see unity?
7. Read **Acts 5:1-4**. How do we see the Holy Spirit being called God in this passage? How have you struggled with your understanding of the Holy Spirit?
8. Read **1 Corinthians 3:16-17 & 6:19-20**. How does Paul calling your body a temple reveal the deity of the Holy Spirit?
9. Read **1 Corinthians 2:10-12**. How is the personhood of the Holy Spirit clearly displayed in these verses? In light of this and other Scriptures regarding the Spirit’s personhood, how would you defend this truth against the argument that the Spirit is an impersonal force?
10. Read **John 5:19-24** and **John 16:12-15**. Discuss the unity and the distinction of the Father, Son, and Spirit from these passages.
11. How has tonight’s lesson helped your understanding of the Trinity? In what ways are you still struggling?
12. Take some time as a group to pray for understanding and discernment.