



MORE *and* BETTER

Do You Know Him?

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When we begin the journey of discipleship, it isn't a generic following. We are following a *specific* God – the God of Christianity – Father, Son and Spirit. To follow this God, we need to start by knowing Him, understanding who this “Godhead” is and how He operates. The beautiful and poetic nature of our God is revealed through the Trinity (a fancy word for a God that is three-in-one). As we look at Jesus – who scripture says He is and who we each say He is – we gain greater insight into the God we follow and the incredible depth of His nature and love.

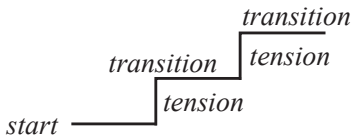
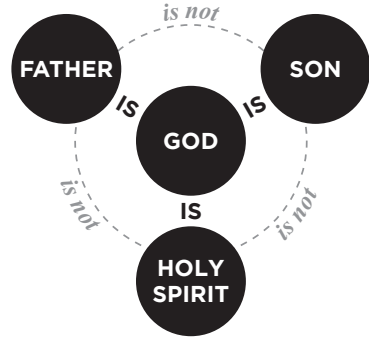


MESSAGE NOTES

The Trinity

We follow the God of the Bible, described as Trinity. One God, three persons, each person fully God – coexisting and coeternal.

But getting to know this God can feel hard and daunting at times. Who we believe God is and how we experience Him informs everything we do.



On our discipleship journey, we are constantly moving through tension and resolution as we learn more about God – gaining more insights as we journey together.

Mark 8:27-29

Jesus and His disciples are at the midpoint of His ministry. From this moment, Jesus starts to introduce the idea of His death and the kind of Messiah He is. They are travelling in an area that has been hostile to Jesus.

As we see in Matthew 13:53-58, people who were comfortable with Jesus tended to take offense to Him the most easily.

v. 28: All the options are highly complimentary, but incomplete.

v. 29: While Peter is right in saying Jesus is Messiah, he doesn't yet have a full picture of who Jesus is (because no one did!).

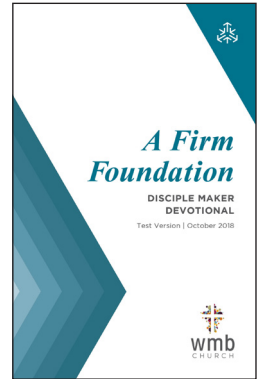
The journey to a fuller and more complete understanding of God is best experienced in community.

HOME GROUP MATERIALS

Our hope for this series is for everyone in Home Groups to walk through our new devotional, *A Firm Foundation*.

Why all of us? We do discipleship best as **we learn from each other**. To start the journey, it can be easier if we are familiar with the tools. By using *A Firm Foundation* in Home Group, we will gain that familiarity.

Note that this is a **test copy**. Not only do we assume there are some typos, we want to know how the book works. When you sign up to receive one, you will receive a feedback form in coming weeks.



Request a copy at
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How do groups do this well?

Beyond just enjoying the journey with Jesus for individuals, groups can disciple one another. *No matter where you are on the journey, God is not done with you.*

Here are some suggestions:

1. If you are experienced disciples, talk through some of the questions you had in the early days of your walk – how they were answered and what was helpful for you. How are you offering that to others? We can equip others as we share our own experiences. There is no one “right” way to walk with someone.
2. Practise with each other – ask the questions you are worried about answering, talk about the experiences of following Jesus: prayer, laying on of hands, commissioning, etc. There will be more in-depth tools for these in the coming weeks.
3. Pray, pray, pray. Are people in your group discipling others? Pray for the conversations. Pray for the situations people find themselves in. Pray for God to reveal His character more to you each day.

For this week

Who do you say God is? As you worked through the devotional, what struck you? Share with one another how you talk about God and how you share the hope of what He has done in your life. As you unpack what you learned about a God you may know well, how are you responding to His love for you?



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