

BELPRES CHURCH

Sermon Title: Three in One

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

John 17:1-4, 24-26

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Discussion Questions:

Read this week's scripture(s) & answer the below questions with your friends, family, or All In small group.

Suggested Icebreaker Question:

- What was one of your favorite meals as child? Is it still a favorite today?

Opening Question:

- Looking back, were you able to apply any of the things we talked about last time to your life this week? What did you do? How did it go?

Scripture Reflection Questions – Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection Questions - *Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:*

- Which person of the Triune God do you most relate to, and which seems most distant: Father? Son? Holy Spirit? Explain.
- The doctrine of the Trinity means that 1) relationships are more important than anything else 2) Community matters, 3) God is in a good mood (full of joy) and wants us to be as well. Which of these three do you struggle with, which is most natural to you?

Closing Question and Application:

- Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing Group Prayer:

- Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.