

Session for
Doctrine of God



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MEET WITH A FRIEND

- **Share** any thoughts/reflection/questions you had on the session.
- **Discuss/Apply**
 - How do the biblical attributes of God respond to what the world/culture teaches about “God”?
 - Which attribute of God stands out for you? Why?
 - What might it look like for someone to really believe each attribute of God? (e.g. what might it look like to really believe that God is sovereign?) Which attribute of God might your life reveal that you are struggling to believe?
 - Do you struggle with reconciling God’s holiness and His love? Why or why not?
 - Is the doctrine of the Trinity something you find hard to grasp? Why?
 - How might an understanding of the Trinity affect our Christian life? e.g. God is one God in three persons: and they relate and work together perfectly to accomplish God’s plan. How might knowing this give you assurance of your salvation?
- **Pray** for each other in light of what you have talked about today.

SESSION SUMMARY

What does the doctrine of revelation and Scripture reveal about God?

- **Personal**
- **Relational**

What is the substance of God?

John 4:24

What does GBC believe about God?

There is only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

What are some attributes of God?

- **Unity (Oneness)**
Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Mark 12:28-30
- **Holiness**
Isaiah 6:2-3
Revelation 4:8
- **Love**
Psalms 145:8-9
Exodus 34:6-7

1 John 4:7-11

- **Immutability (Unchangingness)**

Malachi 3:6

James 1:16-17

Hebrews 13:7-8

- **Sovereign (in complete control of all things)**

Luke 12:4-7

Isaiah 46:8-11

Ephesians 1:11

Daniel 4:34-35

What does God do?

- **Creation**

- **Providence**

Isaiah 46:10-11

Psalms 135:6

Acts 2:23

Proverbs 16:33

God the good Creator of all things, in his infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, arranges, and governs all creatures and things, from the greatest to the least, by his perfectly wise and holy providence, to the purpose for which they were created. He governs according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will. His providence leads to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness, and mercy.

- **1689 London Confession of Faith 5:1** in modern English

What about Trinity?

Definition: Tri (three) - unity (one)

The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that the Son is God, and that the [Holy] Spirit is God, and yet that there is but one God.

- **James Petigru Boyce & John Albert Broadus**

Explicit formula:

Matthew 28:19

2 Corinthians 13:14

Progressively revealed in the Scripture:

- **in creation and providence**

Genesis 1:1-2

John 1:1-3

Hebrews 1:1-2

Hebrews 1:3-4

- **in salvation**

Ephesians 1:3-14