

Knowing the Triune God

John 17:20-23

1. The **Truth** about the Triune God (Jn 17:22)

- God is one in essence (Dt 6:4-5)
- God is three in persons (Mt 28:18-20)

2. The **Work** of the Triune God

- In Creation of the World
- At Jesus' first Coming
- In Salvation of His People

(Jn 1:1-5, Gen 1:1-2, 26; Jn 14-17; Eph 1:3-14)

3. The **Significance** of the Triune God

a. In **Principle**

- Subordination is not inferiority
- Distinctiveness is not disunity

b. In **Practice**

- We in Christ (Jn 17:20-23)
- We as a church (Eph 4:4-6)
- We in marriage (Eph 5:31-33)

4. The **Will** of the Triune God (Jn 17:21, 23)

- So that the world may know Him



Questions for reflection / discussion

a. How do & should we respond when we come across something that the Bible teaches about God that we disagree with or cannot fully understand or accept?

b. How do we maintain Christian unity amidst diversities & differences as a church? Why is it so important? Under what circumstances can we "agree to disagree" in a right way, & under what circumstances, in a wrong way?

c. For married couples, what does it mean for "two to become one"? How can a good understanding of our Triune God shape our relationship with our spouses?

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