

God...

*Aim: To ponder what it means for Christians today that God is our Heavenly Father, our Wonderful Savior & our Holy Spirit.*

Father, Son & Spirit

*Open: What was the hardest subject in school for you? What made it hard?*

*Read: Luke 3:23-24*

- *Why is the concept of God as “three in one” a difficult subject to study? What makes it hard? What makes it difficult to explain?*
- *What was different about Jesus’ baptism that made it unlike any baptism anyone had experienced up to that point?*
- *How did God express his feelings towards Jesus at his baptism?*

*Other Helpful Verses: James 2:19; Col 2:9; John 1:1-14; 1 Cor 3:16-17; & 1 Tim 3:16)*

*Discuss:*

- *Jim described several different analogies used to explain the concept of the “triune God.” What were they and how are they helpful... if at all? Can you think of others that might be helpful?*
- *What does it tell you about God that he existed as a relationship of Father, Son & Spirit even prior to creation?*
- *Can you give examples of God’s diverse nature as It is reflected in nature? in his church?*
- *How can God and Jesus be distinct ‘persons’ and at the same time be ‘one’? (cf. John 10:30)*

*“The church is a people brought into relationship with God and one another thru Christ, created to be diverse and called to be unified.”*

- *Brainstorm some ways that we can be a better reflection of God’s nature in our church...*

*Pray: Discuss with your group what they would like to do during the summer. Continue in Share Groups & break in Fall or go ahead and break during the Summer?*