

# September 22 Discussion Questions - Father

John 17:1-8, 20-25

## **Review**

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that **the Father** may be glorified in **the Son**... I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even **the Spirit** of truth.”  
John 14:13,16-17

## **The Trinity is:**

1. A **mystery** we will only begin to understand in heaven
2. Present in the whole Bible and clearly **presented** in the New Testament (John 14:24-26; Matt. 28:19)
3. The test of right **doctrine** as confirmed at the Council of Nicea
4. A necessary perfection for a God of **love**

## **The LORD is...**

- **One God** (Deut. 6:4)
  - Jesus is **One** with the Father (John 17:11,21; 5:20)
  - Jesus is **Equal** with the Father (John 5:17-18)
- **in Three Persons**, eternally exchanging...
  - **Glory** - Pure Delight (John 17:2,4-5; 22)
  - **Love** - Perfect Communion (John 17:24,26)
  - **Life** - the Power of Existence (John 17:3; 5:19,21)

“Good things as well as bad, you know, are caught by a kind of good infection. If you want to get warm you must stand near a fire: if you want to be wet you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them. They are not a sort of prize which God could, if He chose, just hand out to anyone. They are a great fountain of energy and beauty spurting up at the very center of reality. If you are close to it, the spray will wet you: if you are not, you will remain dry. Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever? Once a man is separated from God, what can he do but wither and die?” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* p. 153

## **Connect**

1. What relationship have you observed that exemplifies true love and mutual honor?
2. How does that relationship give you a glimpse of what our Triune God is like?

## **Read John 17:1-8,20-25**

## **Discuss**

3. What are the main things Jesus prayed for here? What were His central desires in going to the cross?
4. How many times do you see the word “give”? Why is that significant?
5. What does this passage teach us about the Trinity? How does it deepen your understanding of who God is?

## **Apply**

6. Read John 17:3 again. What does it indicate that this is in the *present* tense?

7. How is the eternal exchange of glory, love and life an example for us to follow in our relationships? How does that inspire and challenge you today?
8. How does it make you feel to know that as a believer you are being drawn into the living relationship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? How have you experienced that? How could you seek to experience more of Him?

***Pray***

9. How can we pray for you this week?