



## GOD

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- ➔ FACT: God is.  
(Genesis 1:1; Psalm 46:10; cf. Psalm 14:1; 53:1)
  
- ➔ FACT: God is eternal; there was never a time when He didn't exist.  
(Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 43:10-11)
  
- ➔ FACT: God is the Creator of all things, including the human race.  
(Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:19-20; Psalm 8:3-4)
  
- ➔ FACT: Though God has always existed, many people don't know Him.
  
- ➔ FACT: God reveals Himself to us through both general & special revelation.
  
- ➔ FACT: The Bible reveals God as a Triune God... one God in 3 Persons.  
(Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

**GOD - EFCA Statement of Faith:** *We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinite perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.*

## CORE BELIEF

- ➔ We believe the one Creator-God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – loves all people. (Genesis 3:8-9; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; Revelation 7:9-10)

## CORE BELIEF ► CORE VALUE

- ➔ Therefore we will love all people without distinction

## CORE BELIEF ► CORE VALUE ► VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- ➔ Deliberate outreach



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Lesson Aim:** To dig deeper in our understanding of who God is so that we can climb higher in our ability to live out the life of love He has called us to.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. **READ Genesis 1:1 & Isaiah 43:10-11.** One of the key principles from Pastor Scott's teaching Sunday was that *God is eternal; there never was a time when He didn't exist*. What do you find encouraging, challenging and/or confusing about this concept?
2. **READ Romans 1:18-25.** Why do you think some people tend to worship creation rather than the Creator?
3. What are some of the things in creation that most move you to stand in awe of God?
4. The Bible speaks to us about one God revealed in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **READ the following verses** for a few examples of

how the Trinitarian nature of God is revealed in the Bible.

Write down some things that stand out to you:

**Genesis 1:1, 26:**

**Isaiah 6:8:**

**Matthew 28:19-20:**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

5. If we view the Trinitarian existence of God as the fundamental basis for all combinations of unity and diversity in the universe, then what are some other parts of creation that show both unity and diversity (examples: interdependency of environmental systems on earth; harmonious working of various parts of the human body, etc.)?
6. The key Core Belief from Sunday's teaching was *We believe the one Creator – God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – loves all people*. **READ 1 John 4:7-21.** What is the source of human love? How has God shown His love to humanity?
7. What do these verses (especially verses 8-15) reveal about the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit? What do they reveal about their relationship with people?
8. How can God's love be expressed through people? In our motives? In our actions? In how we treat those who don't yet know Christ personally? How can you love sacrificially this week (be as specific as possible)?

**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the "Messages" link.