

WEEK 1: THE FATHER

MAIN SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1-3

INTRO

- What's up Faith Students! Welcome back after a small break, hope you all have a great Christmas and are having an awesome start to the new year!

SERIES INTRO

- Tonight we're beginning a new series on the Trinity! This is a theological term that points to the reality that God is triune, or 3 in 1.
- Trinity
 - Tri: 3
 - Unity: one
 - 3 equal persons, 1 God
- NOT multiple gods, all 1
- **To think we will ever *fully* understand the Trinity is to make the mistake of thinking God is fully understandable.** God is infinite. He is beyond us.
- Believe it or not, the fact that God is too immense for our finite minds should be comforting, not discouraging!
- *"If God was small enough for my brain to fully understand, He wouldn't be big enough to save me!"*
- The authors of the Bible understood this. That's why they wrote words like we find in **Job 11:7-8...***"Can you fathom the depths of God or discover the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens—what can you do?"*
- **...and Isaiah 55:9...***"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*
- Simply put: God is big. While we never will FULLY comprehend + understand Him on this side of eternity, that doesn't mean we can't seek to **know Him better!**

- 3 persons of the trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Tonight we're going to look at God the Father

WHO HE IS + WHAT HE DOES:

- Creator: (Genesis 1 + 2)
 - The first way we are introduced to God
 - The first thing we see Him do

offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” **Genesis 3:14-15**

- This is a foreshadowing that Satan would strike the heel of Jesus, but Jesus would strike/crush the head of Satan (cross + resurrection)
 - God the father redeemed us by sending Jesus and marking us by His (Holy) Spirit
 - Redemption is an act of the trinity, initiated by the father
 - We have fallen and sinned, but He has redeemed us by the blood of Jesus + and restored us to right relationship with the father

- God the father is creator + redeemer!

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- God created you and has a plan + purpose for your life
 - His ultimate purpose is for you to have a relationship with Him!
- Salvation- Know Him
- Prayer + Scripture- Know Him deeper