



# REFRAMING GOD

# MESSAGE NEXT STEPS

## WHY THE TRINITY?

FEBRUARY 20

Many of us have a warped view of God. We see God as angry and hard to please or as an old wise man with a gray beard who is distant from us. God has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Spirit, so what does that mean? Discover the beauty of who God is and how that illuminates our path.

Work through the following questions and scriptures on your own, and get together with your running partner, life group, or friends and family to talk through what you are learning.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe God using 1-2 sentences?
2. What stood out to you from the message?
3. Read **John 14:6-18**.
  - a. Make some observations about this passage (What does the text say):
    - Who is talking? What is the circumstance?
    - Any repeated phrases?
    - What surprised you?
    - What stood out to you?
  - b.) Make some interpretations (What does the passage mean)
    - What questions do you have?
    - Summarize the passage in 1-3 sentences - what are the main points?
    - What do you learn about the nature and character of God as you read this?
    - What do you learn about yourself or the world around you?
  - c.) Now make some applications (what's my response)
    - How do you respond to what you are reading?
    - How could this apply to your life today?
    - What is the central truth that you could put into practice from this?
    - Who could you share this with for the sake of encouragement?
4. When you talk to God do you picture yourself talking with God the Father, Jesus, or Holy Spirit? Why do you think that is?
5. Which person of the Trinity do you not relate to / seek/ or engage with very often? Why do you think that is?

6. Read **Deuteronomy 29:29**.
  - a. What are “mysteries” about God that have your attention?
  - b. What are revealed truths about God that you are learning or want to learn more about?
  
7. Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**. What next step could you take this week to know and love God with more of your heart, soul, strength?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

**John 14:6-18** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know<sup>[a]</sup> my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7.** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What person of the Trinity do you want to get to know more? Spend time this week looking up scriptures about them, and then spend time talking to them in prayer.
  
2. Often we learn from others. Ask another Christ-follower this week about their experience with one of the persons of the trinity. Ask a question like, “How do you relate to the Holy Spirit/ God/ Jesus?”