



Sermon Questions

Date: *January 7, 2024* | Scripture: *Gen 1:1-2; John 17:1-5, 20-26*

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. How do these passages describe the Trinity before the creation of the world?
2. What words or concepts do you see repeated a lot? What do these tell you about the Bible's priorities?
3. Where would you locate yourself in the story being told? How might that contrast with other competing stories about our lives?
4. How would you articulate to an unbelieving friend that these passages tell a true and better story?

Inward Grace in Action

5. Grace and truth go hand in hand. Where do you need to be comforted by grace, and where do you need to be confronted by truth, from this week's sermon?

Outward Grace in Action

6. How might Christians interact in the world differently if the vision of reality in these passages were at the forefront of our minds? Be specific.

Additional resources:

Video: Don Carson, Tim Keller, and John Piper had [a conversation about the Trinity](#) on video back in 2021. You can watch it, with supporting resources, on [RightNowMedia](#) (free subscription available [here](#))

Books: [Delighting in the Trinity](#) (Mike Reeves) is one of my favorite books, by one of my favorite authors. It's written for a thoughtful church member, but doesn't require theological training to understand!

[The Trinity: An Introduction](#) (Scott Swain) is a short, rich book. It is a little denser, but a fantastic resource if you want to dig deeper.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1
- Job 38
- Psalm 24
- Amos 5
- Colossians 1:15-23
- Revelation 5

Serve: In the winter months, could you offer to drive someone to church, or to evening events for those who struggle to drive in the dark?

Pray for us as a church, for soft hearts and perceptive minds as we walk through this series.

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- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org