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The GLC Program

Global Leadership Center (GLC) is CCF's very own discipleship resource to help you grow in your walk, start a group, and help others start their own group.

A SIMPLE TRAINING ROADMAP TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH IN CHRIST·

ENGAGE

Build relationships and share Jesus with others

GLC LEVEL 1

EDIFY

Grow together in a Discipleship Group

GLC LEVEL 2

EQUIP

Start leading a Discipleship Group

GLC3LEAD

EMPOWER

Help others start their own Discipleship Group

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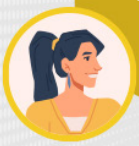

Hey, Sis! Do you want to know more about Jesus and the Bible?

Dleader/ Dmember

Okay! When can we meet?

Guest, family or friend

TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY:

Best Decision Tract

Real Talk Booklet

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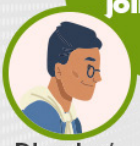
grow together in a Discipleship Group



Bro! Are you interested in joining a Dgroup?

Dleader/ Dmember

Game! Where do I sign up?

Guest, family or friend

TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY:

Real Talk Booklet

True Life Retreat

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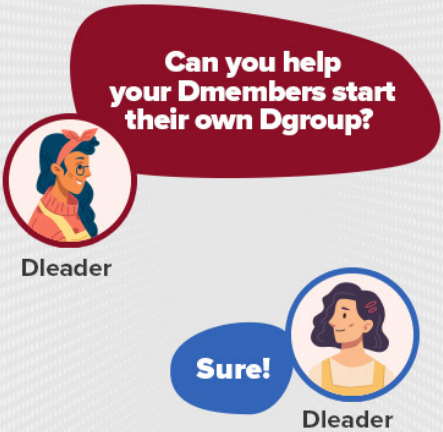

TOOL FOR YOUR JOURNEY:

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OUR TRAINING

GLC
LEVEL 2

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LEVEL 1

ENTRY
OPEN TO ALL

GLC LEVEL 1

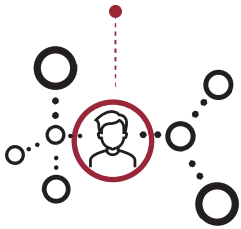
Trainees at this level are taught basic Biblical truths and how to effectively share the Gospel **(Pray, Care, Share)**

MILESTONES

ENTRY
TRAINEES SHOULD BE DISCIPLING AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE

▶ GLC 3 LEAD

Trainees at this level are taught how to be spiritual multipliers



ENTRY
TRAINEES SHOULD BE FOLLOWING UP AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE

▶ GLC LEVEL 2

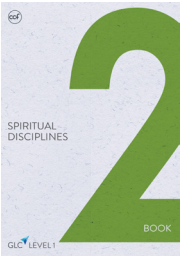
Trainees at this level are taught the right doctrines and how to start discipling through a DGroup

GLC LEVEL 1

OPEN TO ALL
EXPLAINS THE GOSPEL, THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND CCF'S DNA.

ONE BY ONE

Explore how you can experience lasting change from the inside out through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Make a positive impact on the world around you as you discover and live out the truth and grace of the gospel.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Learn about spiritual habits that, when practiced diligently will help you know Jesus more. Discover His will for your life through His Word, the Bible.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Discover who the Holy Spirit is and the importance of the Spirit-filled life for every child of God. Understand the gifts and fruit of the Spirit and learn how to be more dependent on the Lord as you apply the truth about the Holy Spirit in your life.

CCF DNA

See the big picture of what Christ's Commission Fellowship is all about, discover our God-given mission, vision, and core values. Know how you are uniquely designed by God to take part in this lifetime of faith adventure of fulfilling God's Great Commission.

GLC true life

OPEN TO ALL

True Life, a two-day spiritual retreat, explores the meaning of a truly fulfilling life. Many seek happiness through worldly success, possessions, and relationships, yet these often leave a void.

The retreat emphasizes that it's faith in Jesus Christ alone that brings true life, one that's filled with joy, hope, and purpose. John 10:10, ("I have come that they may have life and have it to the full") highlights Jesus' promise of abundant life. Participants examine their hearts, share their stories, and discover the victorious life Christ makes available to all who believe in Him.

GLC BAPTISM

OPEN TO ALL

Coming to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior causes us to experience various changes in our lives, beginning with our hearts. Water Baptism is the outward expression, a symbol of what has taken place inside us when we accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

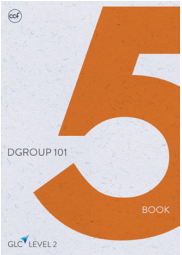
GLC LEVEL 1 COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed Books 1 to 4
2. Registered as a Dgroup Member
3. Attended / Commit to attend a True Life Retreat
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form

GLC LEVEL 2

OPEN TO ALL
GLC LEVEL 1 FINISHERS

TRAINS YOU HOW TO START A DGROUP, NURTURE YOUR FAMILY, AND KNOW THE BASIC DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH.

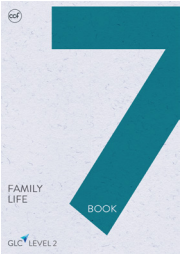


DGROUP 101

Learn about how we grow in a Dgroup that is faithful to Christ's design and is truly transformative.

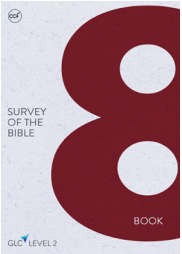
BASIC DOCTRINES

Discover the foundational doctrines behind the Statement of Faith which we believe and profess.



FAMILY LIFE

Be a blessing to your family and lead them to Jesus as you become a Christ-like spouse, sibling, and child.



SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

This module presents an extensive chronological overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

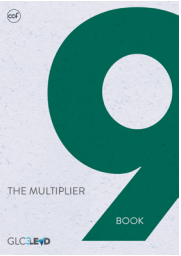
GLC LEVEL 2 COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed all GLC LEVEL 1 requirements
2. Completed Books 5 to 8
3. A Dgroup leader with at least 2 members
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form (signed/attested by Dgroup Leader)

GLC3LEAD

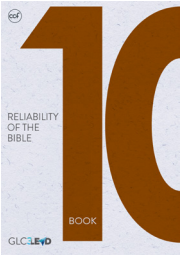
OPEN TO ALL DGROUP LEADERS WITH ACTIVE MEMBERS

TEACHES CCF DGROUP LEADERS HOW TO BETTER MENTOR, COACH, AND EMPOWER THEIR MEMBERS TO START THEIR OWN DGROUP.



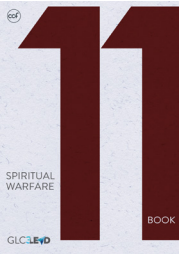
THE MULTIPLIER

Be equipped to lead with Christlike character and multiply leaders for God's glory.



RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

Discover why the Bible is truly reliable and examine the historical accuracy of Scripture.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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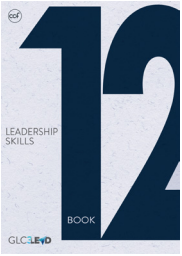

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Be equipped to lead others Biblically through mentoring, counseling, conflict resolution, and disciple-making relationships.

GLC3 LEAD COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed GLC LEVEL 1 and GLC LEVEL 2 requirements
2. Completed all GLC 3 LEAD training modules
3. A Dgroup Leader with one timothy, discipling 2 members
4. Accomplished the LifeApp form (signed/attested by Dgroup leader)

WHAT'S A GLC LIFEAPP?

The end goal of discipleship is Christikeness. The Christian life is not a "to-do" list; it is a moment-by-moment loving, relationship with our Heavenly Father. It is a life of faith and obedience as we follow Jesus through the discipleship path He has laid for us.

The GLC training curriculum aims for the life application of God's Word. The Bible-based lessons are not merely for information, but for transformation. Hence, the GLC Life App is intended to ensure we apply what we learn.

Download the GLC LifeApp here:

go.ccf.org.ph/LifeApp

GLC TRAINING PLATFORMS

GLC training is offered through different learning platforms so you can choose which one best suits your needs.

GLC FACE TO FACE CLASSES

Make your “on-the-job” training experience more meaningful by joining face-to-face classes and interacting with GLC teachers and other trainees. Check out your local and international CCF satellites announcements and schedules.

GLC | zoom CLASSES

Be part of a live online class and learn together in the comfort of your own home, office, or anywhere you are in the world. Check out your local and international CCF satellites announcements and schedules.

GLC in DGroups

Learn together with your DGroup members as you meet for fellowship, accountability, and Bible study using GLC resources.

GLC eLEARNING SELF-PACED

Can’t Attend GLC F2F and Zoom Classes? Choose the GLC E-Learning Self-Paced program that is designed to fit your busy schedule. Start your discipleship journey to be equipped on your own time, at your own place, and at your own pace.

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Welcome Wednesday is a weekly Bible study community designed for those who want to grow in their Discipleship Journey.

Whether you're just starting your walk with God, asking questions, or wanting to grow deeper, this is a safe and encouraging place for you.

Through our Biblical Foundation Series, you'll learn more about who God is, what it means to follow Him, and be plugged into a Dgroup.

Biblical Foundations First-Timers Bible Study Series

This series is well-suited for those who are taking baby steps in their walk with Christ, or those who are simply curious and have questions about the Christian faith. Discover life-transforming answers from God's Word about the forgiveness of sins, heaven and hell, and the best decision you can ever make in this life and for eternity.

Biblical Foundations Follow-Up Bible Study Series

Examine more closely what you know and believe about the nature of sin and its effects on us; the characteristics of genuine faith in Christ and why salvation is free for us, yet has a very high cost that we cannot even pay for.

Holy Spirit
Discover who the Holy Spirit is and the importance of the Spirit-filled life for every child of God.

Galatians
The Book of Galatians is as relevant to us today as it was to the first Christians and within its pages we find important Biblical truths for the defense of the true gospel.

Evangelifestyle
A very important part of our relationship with Jesus is to take part in His mission to reconcile people back to our Heavenly Father. Here you will learn how to pray, care and share the love of Christ to family, friends and even strangers as you go about your daily life.

Spiritual Disciplines
Learn about spiritual habits that, when practiced diligently will help you know Jesus more. As you get to know Christ, you will also discover His will for your life through His Word, the Bible.

Membership (CCF DNA)
See the big picture of what CCF is all about, discover our God-given mission, vision, and core values. Know how you are uniquely designed take part in this lifetime of faith adventure of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission, and what it means to be a member of God's CCF family.

GLC TRAINING

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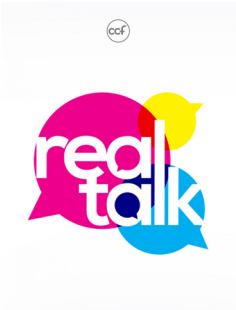

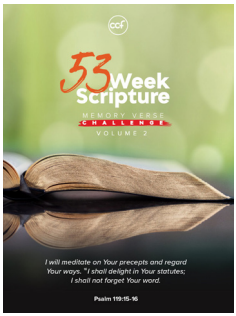

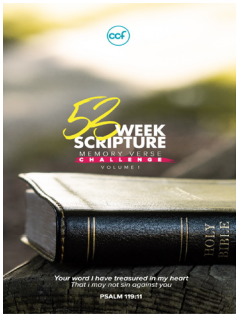

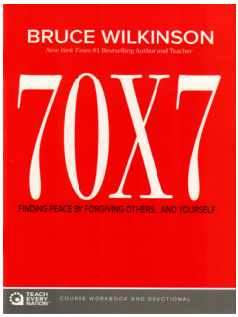

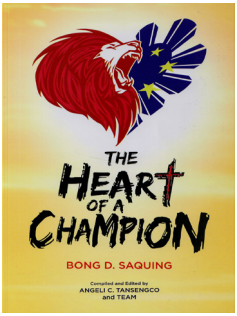

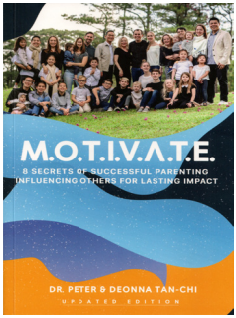

Want to get your own copy of the GLC Books?

You may send your request to **glc@ccf.org.ph,** and our team will gladly assist you with the details.

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INTRODUCTION

Strengthen your convictions on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. For the purpose of this module, the Biblical doctrines that we will examine are the basis for CCF's Statement of Faith. What we grew up believing in is something that we usually take for granted, but it is important that each Christ-committed follower closely examines the source for his or her beliefs especially in relation to spiritual matters.

This module will help you discover the Biblical basis for all that we do and teach as a church. You will gain a greater appreciation of God, whose unchanging, infallible and eternal Word is our only source and final authority for our doctrines. Additionally, this study will equip us to discern if a doctrinal teaching that we receive is truly biblical or a distortion of God's truth.

As you go through this study in your small group, remember that our aim is not to accumulate knowledge but to apply God's Word in our daily living; growing in maturity towards Christ-likeness.

Ephesians 4:13-15

until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. [14] As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; [15] but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ.

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

This workbook is for the GLC Book 6: Basic Doctrines study. If you are a Dgroup facilitator, please make sure that you do a personal Bible study using this workbook ahead of your Dgroup meeting.

Encourage your group members to have their own workbooks. You may download the PDF version for free at glc.ccf.org.ph. Do not divert from the teaching topic – stick to what is in the workbook.

The workbook includes the Bible lesson, and individual and Dgroup learning activities to help you get the most out of your meetings. There are four parts in every session: Welcome, Talk About It, Apply It and Pray It.

Welcome —

Contains individual and small group activities that help prepare you for the Bible study.

Talk About It —

This is where you go through the Bible lesson with the group. This is also where the members of the group get a chance to express more of their insights, questions, and thoughts about the Bible lesson. They can do it in writing, doodling or drawing, and sharing with the rest of the group.

Pray It —

Suggested prayer points based on the lesson asking for the Lord's grace in applying what has been learned after the study.

This workbook is just a tool. We need to depend on the Holy Spirit to teach us God's truth and transform our hearts as we go through the Bible studies.

So, come and discover the One who will change your life!

Apply It —

This section is accomplished outside the group meeting time. There are suggested individual or group Life Apps that will hopefully help you experience life transformation as you apply God's truth in practical ways.

SESSION ONE

GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

In this session, we'll learn why the Bible is trustworthy, how it serves as the authority of our faith and practice, and how we can apply it in everyday life. God's Word is not just information; it is transformation.

Through Scripture, God reveals who He is, how we can know Him personally, and how we are to live as His people. As we understand and live out His Word, we are equipped to grow in Christ, lead others, and build lives that honor Him and point others to His truth.

WELCOME

HIDDEN BIBLE BOOK NAMES

Can you find 56 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph? Highlight the word, like the sample given –"luke" in the 4th sentence of the first paragraph.

The following article contains the names of all the books of the Bible hidden within the words. See if you can find them all! I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept some people looking so hard for facts. And for others it was revelation. Some were in a jam. Especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments to you. Do these while you're watching TV, sitting on the john, eating tuna, humming your favorite reggae tune--- a song of Sol, "O Mon, I believe you!"

Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them.

I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better.

There are those among us who might need music – a banjo, electric guitar, or drums! See how well you can compete. Relax now, listen to Genesis on the radio, or play your banjo! Nah, just concentrate on the task at hand. Find them all and be a pro! Verbs and subjects don't always agree in this article, but don't let that stand in your way!

I even asked for help from my ex. "O, Du!" she said. I replied, "Corinth, I answer your questions," but she said, "Come back at Ramadan." I eloquently thanked her. Frustrated, she said, "The puzzle is a ... I ... ah.. I don't find these EZ. Ek! I elect not to do them!" I thought about offering her a juju decoration or perhaps alms, but decided not to pursue it. This just about chronicles our relationship.

Some of the hardest books to hide were Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Samuel, Nehemiah, Ecclesiastes, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Timothy, and Philemon. Remember that ten of the names are duplicated like First and Second Thessalonians, so you will only find fifty-six distinct names.

This puzzle is not EZ – rather, it is quite difficult. It would be simpler if the books were in a list that you could pick from.

Answers can be anywhere in this article, so that makes this format the worst! Do your best and God bless.

Learning Nugget

The Bible has 66 books — 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

We may have our “favorite” books and some we overlook because they are harder to understand and apply. However, if we truly believe that the Bible is God’s Word, then we will diligently read, study, memorize, and apply all that the Bible teaches us that the Bible teaches us what to do and what not to do. As a result, we will know more about Jesus, and we will be transformed into His likeness.

THE BIBLE IS GOD’S VOICE IN WRITTEN FORM, GUIDING OUR STEPS, SHAPING OUR HEARTS, AND POINTING US TO CHRIST.

See pg. 137 for the answer key.

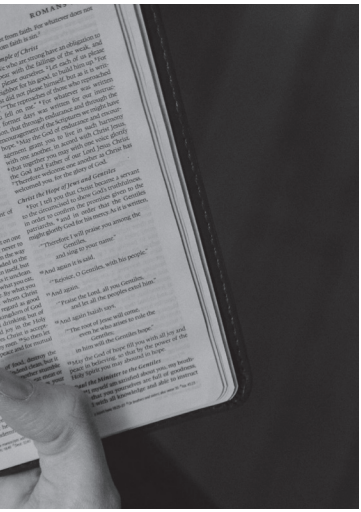
WHY STUDY DOCTRINES?

TALK ABOUT IT

What we believe about God influences everything in our lives.

If we don't understand doctrines well, we can be misled.

Theology is simply the study of God; even if it is impossible to fully understand God. As believers in Christ, our deepest desire is to grow in love and knowledge of Him.



Matthew 22:37
And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

To love God, we need to ***know Him.***

I. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

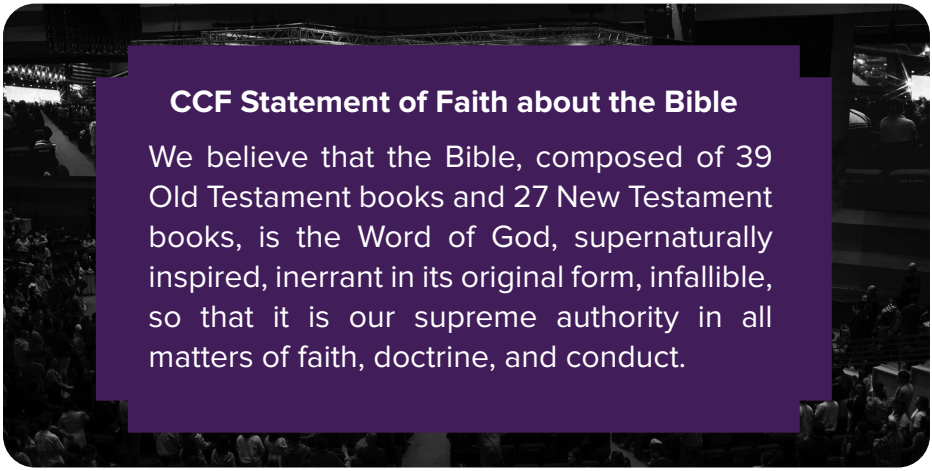
Objections to the Bible

- "Whatever you believe is OK for you"
- Authority cannot be trusted
- The Bible is full of errors and contradictions
- The Bible isn't relevant today

PAUSE, PONDER AND SHARE

Describe a typical objection to the Bible that you have heard from others. Do you have the same objection or idea? Why or why not?

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW?



CCF Statement of Faith about the Bible

We believe that the Bible, composed of 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books, is the Word of God, supernaturally inspired, inerrant in its original form, infallible, so that it is our supreme authority in all matters of faith, doctrine, and conduct.

A. The Bible claims to be authoritative because it is God's Word.
Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Inspiration is the work of the Holy Spirit to guide the authors of the Bible to compose and record in words, without error, God's revelation to man.

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

The words, "Thus saith the Lord" or "God said..." are found more than 1900 times in the Bible!

B. How are the Bible's claims supported:

1. By internal evidence

Fulfilled prophecy

Over 300 prophecies on the life of Jesus alone have been fulfilled in the New Testament.

Jesus' use of the Bible

Read Luke 20:37-38, Matthew 22:44-45

Internal consistency

- Written over 1,600-year span in 3 languages...
- Over 40 authors from different backgrounds...
- In 3 different continents --- Asia, Europe and Africa

(You can read more from: https://blogs.blueletterbible.org/blb/2013/01/14/the-incomparable-uniqueness-of-scripture/)

2. By external evidence

Manuscript Evidence

- Earliest manuscripts (copies of the original) of the Bible written as early as 50 years after the original writings
- About 50,000 manuscripts are still existing today
- The Bible has remained uncorrupted based on the existing original manuscripts we still have today

Archaeology

- Sodom and Gomorrah
- Ebla tablets

The Bible is one of the best historical references for archaeologists.

Influence

There are many Bible teachings that have been brought into societies that have changed the world.

For example:
Human Rights - Belief that all people are made in God's image shaped laws protecting equality and freedom.
Justice and Fair Laws - Principles like honesty and fairness influenced courts and legal systems.

Group Discussion

How would you answer someone who says, “The Bible is just another book? Why should I believe what it says?”

For the

Word of God

is ***living and active*** and sharper than any two-edged sword,

and piercing as far as the *division of soul and spirit*, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the

thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

APPLY IT

1. Knowing that the Bible is reliable, how will you share this with others? Choose at least three among the six types of evidences you would like to highlight as you explain the reliability of the Bible as God's word.

- Fulfilled prophecy
- Jesus' use of the Bible
- Internal consistency
- Manuscript Evidence
- Archaeology
- Influence

Discuss with your Dgroup. Make sure to use the explanations you learned from this session. You may add information from your own research using reliable sources.

Your notes here..

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Pray together that God would allow you to follow through on your personal commitment.

PRAY IT

Lord Jesus, help me to cherish Your Word, study it diligently, commit it to memory, and faithfully apply its teachings in my life.

Let Your Word transform me and guide me. Help me share it, especially to those who doubt that the Bible is true and reliable. May all come to know its reliability and authenticity.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION TWO

GOD'S NATURE AND PERSON

In this session, we'll discuss who God really is: His person, nature, and attributes. We'll learn that God is infinite, triune, and personal, and that He has both incommunicable attributes (those unique to Him) and communicable ones (those He shares with us). Knowing God rightly helps us avoid misconceptions and deepens our love, reverence, and worship of Him.

WELCOME

GOD IS...

Give everyone a blank sheet of paper and a pen. Invite the group to draw their own symbol, image, or picture to represent any characteristics of God.

They cannot use words, letters, or numbers. The picture should represent what they think about God. Emphasize that you are not looking for a work of art.

Allow five mintues to complete the picture and ask the group to reveal their picture to the rest of the group in the "Pause, Ponder, and Share" section later on. Invite the group to guess what each drawing means. The one who drew it would confirm if anyone got it right. Then proceed to answer the discussion questions.

Learning Nugget

This activity helps us think about who God is and His different qualities. It reminds us that God is bigger than words and that each person experiences Him in their own way. Seeing how others show God can help us appreciate Him more and grow closer to Him.

WHO GOD REALLY IS

TALK ABOUT IT

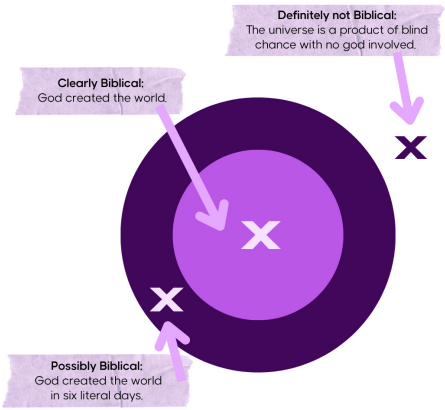
I. Theological Truth

In the previous session, we saw that God has revealed Himself through His Word. For this reason, we can know God and understand what He is like. However, God did not choose to organize His revelation into a statement of faith, a book of doctrines or an FAQ. So how can we be sure about the nature of God?

A. Limits of Theology *The Creation Account*

Possible interpretations:
- Literal - creation in 7 days
- Not literal - creation on a longer duration

Our response:
- Give leeway on certain issues.
- Agree on the common core of theology.



B. Why is this important?

There are many views about God today

- Mystical view: We are all god(s)
- Other religions:
  - There are many gods
  - There is one God, but Jesus is not God
- Atheist view: There is no God

Even among Christians

- **The cosmic genie:** God is here to make you happy
- **God is distant:** God is so busy, He probably doesn't have time for me
- **God is angry:** He is waiting for me to blow it so He can smack me down.

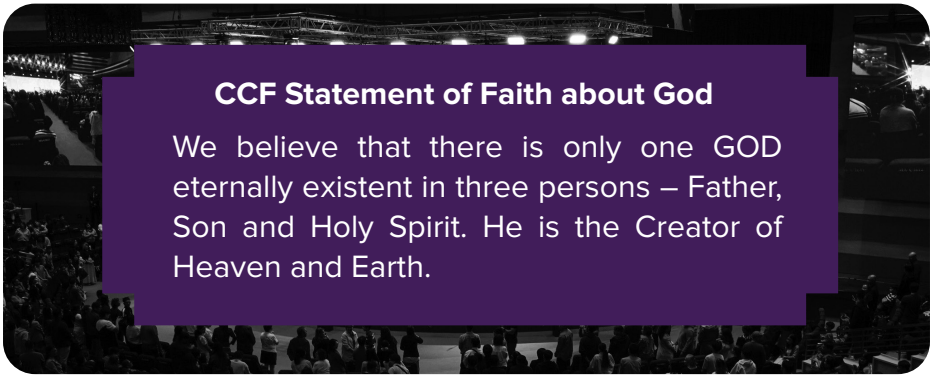
There are times that the way we learned about God also influences how we see and understand God.

PAUSE, PONDER AND SHARE

1. Before you came to Christ, what was your picture of God? (Show your drawing or illustration that you created during the WELCOME section earlier)

2. Did you have any wrong ideas about God before? If yes, how did it affect your life? Does it still affect your life now as a believer in Christ?

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW?



CCF Statement of Faith about God

We believe that there is only one GOD eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

A. What the Scripture says about God

• God's Person

INFINITE	TRIUNE	PERSONAL
God is not subject to any of the limitations of humanity or of creation. He is not limited to our understanding.	One God in three persons. The triunity in Himself are three persons that have relationships between them.	God interacts with us as a person and we can relate to Him as persons. He wants to have a relationship with us.
Read Job 42:1-6	**Read 2 Cor. 13:14; Matthew 28:19**	**Read Psalm 135:15-18; Matthew 11:28-29**

We can create idols in our own lives but the only one who can truly satisfy is the God who is infinite, triune, and personal.

1. God's Attributes

God's attributes are qualities of God that He has revealed to us so we can know, love and worship Him more.

a. Incommunicable: things we don't share with God

God is Sovereign

Read Isaiah 46:9-10

God is Omniscient

Read Psalm 147:5

God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation ... He must be free to do whatever He wills ... to carry out His eternal purpose in every detail.

- A.W. Tozer

Omniscience means that God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well.

- Charles Ryrie

God knows every detail of our lives. There is nothing that escapes His attention. 'The very hairs of your head are all numbered,' Christ said (Luke 12:7)...Perhaps this is the most astounding fact about God's omniscience: He knows every detail about us, yet He still loves us...He knew all about our sins, yet willingly gave His Son to die for us on the cross.

- John MacArthur

God is Omnipresent

Read Psalm 139:7-10

God is Omnipotent

Read Jeremiah 32:27

God is Immutable

Read Hebrews 13:8

God's Incommunicable Attributes – those we don't share	
God is Sovereign	Isaiah 46:9-10
God is Omniscient	Psalm 147:5
God is Omnipresent	Psalm 139:7-10
God is Omnipotent	Jeremiah 32:27
God is Immutable	Hebrews 13:8

2. Communicable: things we share with God

God is Eternal

Read Revelation 1:8

God is Righteous

Read Psalm 145:17

God is Just

Read Deuteronomy 32:4

God is Love

Read 1 John 4:16

God is Truth

Read 2 Samuel 7:28

God's Communicable Attributes – those we share	
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God is Truth	2 Samuel 7:28

Group Discussion

1. With the incommunicable attributes of God (sovereign, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, immutable), what is most meaningful to you? Why?

2. With the communicable attributes of God (eternal. righteous, just, love, truth), what is most meaningful to you? Why?

Summary

Read Job 42:1-6

APPLY IT

Choose one attribute of God. Look for a verse or story in the bible that shows this attribute. How does this attribute of God improve your outlook in life or in your relationship with others?

Attribute of God

Verse/Story Reference

What this means to you (Paraphrase)

How will this affect your relationship with your family?

How will this affect your relationship with your Dgroup?

How will this affect your relationships in your work environment?

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

PRAY IT

Lord God, help me have a right view of You, not limited by my understanding but guided by Your Word. Teach me to marvel at Your holiness, love, justice, and all Your perfect attributes. May I grow in reverence, trust, and worship of You, the eternal, unchanging, and all-powerful God. Transform my heart and mind to reflect Your truth and glorify You in all I do.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION THREE

JESUS: HIS PERSON AND WORKS

In this session, we'll discover the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as both fully God and fully man. We will learn about His sinless life, His miracles, His sacrifice on the cross, and His resurrection that secured our salvation. As we see who Jesus is and what He has done, we are called to follow Him, share His truth, and live in the power of His finished work.

WELCOME

Answer the following trivia questions then compare your answers with your group members.

1. In which country can you find the tallest building in the world.
a. China
b. Dubai
c. Germany

2. Where can you find the smallest dog in the world (as of 2025)?
a. Orlando, Florida (USA)
b. Hokkaido, Japan
c. Dorado, Puerto Rico

3. Which is the most-populated city in the world?
a. Tokyo, Japan
b. Mumbai, India
c. Shanghai, China

See pg. 137 for the answer key.

Learning Nugget

It's quite interesting to find out about the most unique characteristics of people, things, and places in our world. To be unique is to be one-of-a kind. In our lesson today, we will learn about the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. Truly, He is one-of-a-kind in His person and in His work — eternally unsurpassed by anyone or anything in heaven, earth or anywhere else in all creation.

WHO IS JESUS

TALK ABOUT IT

I. COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT JESUS — IN THE WORLD AND EVEN AMONG CHRISTIANS

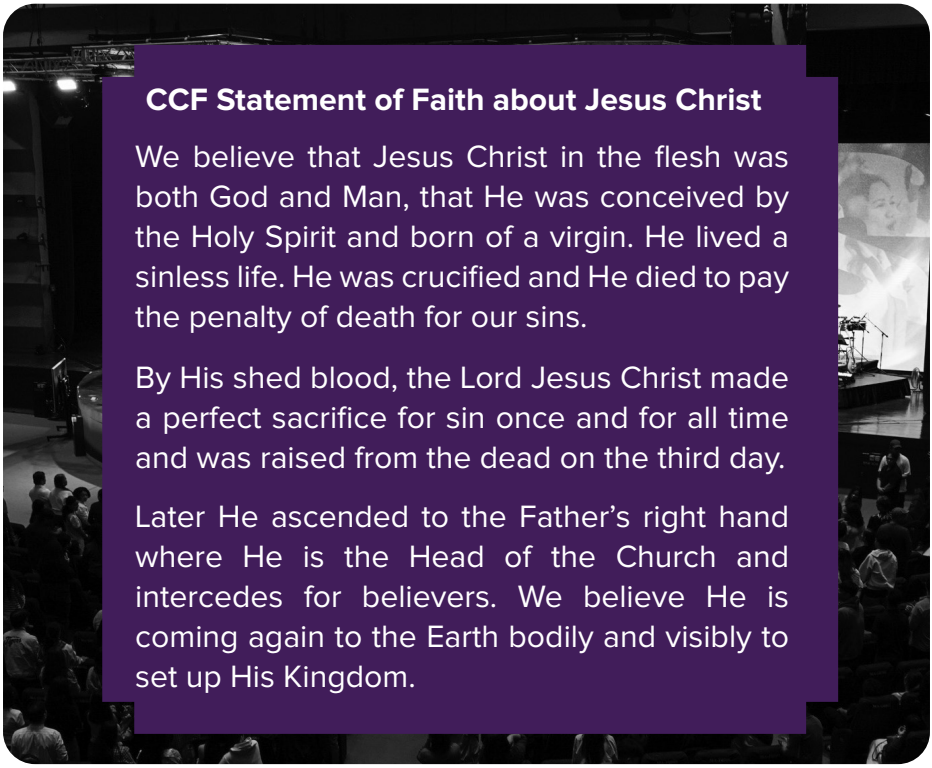
A. Incorrect common beliefs about Jesus

- In many circles, belief in God is OK, just don't talk about Jesus!
- Some doubt His historical existence
- Others claim He was human but not God
- Still others doubt His supernatural works

B. Even among Christians

- Misunderstanding about being God and man
- Misunderstanding about what was accomplished on the cross

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS



CCF Statement of Faith about Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and Man, that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life. He was crucified and He died to pay the penalty of death for our sins.

By His shed blood, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect sacrifice for sin once and for all time and was raised from the dead on the third day.

Later He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is the Head of the Church and intercedes for believers. We believe He is coming again to the Earth bodily and visibly to set up His Kingdom.

A. The Person Jesus: His Humanity

1. Born of a virgin

Read Isaiah 7:14

This is the fulfillment of the prophesy of Isaiah:

Read Matthew 1:23

This means that God is coming to man, He is going to be living among us.

Read Matthew 1:18-19

2. He was human with intellect, will, emotions

Read Luke 2:52

Jesus had emotion, intellect, and was just like any other human being.

3. Normal physical limitations

Read Matthew 4:2

He became hungry.

Read John 19:28

He became thirsty.

Jesus had physical needs just like all of us.

4. Jesus also had limitations

Read Matthew 24:36

When Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, even He did not know the exact date or hour. Though fully God, He voluntarily limited certain divine attributes when He became man.

B. The Life of Christ

1. Sinless

Read Hebrews 4:15

He could be tempted (Matthew 4:1-11), but He was not able to sin.

2. His mission: to seek and save the lost

Read Luke 19:10

Jesus had a very clear mission, He knew what God called Him to do.

3. His method: making disciples

Read Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus had a clear mission and a clear methodology and if we want to be like Him, we need to follow what He did.

PAUSE, PONDER AND SHARE

Why is it significant that Jesus became human and chose discipleship to fulfill His mission, and how does it impact you?

C. The Deity of Christ

1. Direct claims

Read John 10:27-30

Jesus claims that He and the Father are one. In claiming this, He states that He and the Father are of the same essence.

Read John 10:32-33

The audience wanted to stone Jesus for blasphemy because they saw Jesus as a man who was claiming to be God.

Read John 8:58-59

- Jesus is claiming, “before Abraham was, I am”
- “I am who I am.”
- “YHWH” translated into Greek is “ego eimi,” this is exactly what Jesus said.
- The Jews clearly understood that He was claiming to be God because He pre-existed Abraham and used the very name of God to identify who He was.

Read John 1:1

• Rule in the Greek language - “the” or “a”

Read John 1:14

• He is God in the flesh, He is Jesus.

2. Indirect claims

Read Matthew 28:8-9

• The only person that would be worshipped in the Jewish religion is God.

Read Philippians 2:9-11

• We are all going to worship Jesus.

• If Jesus isn’t God, there isn’t any way that God will allow people to worship Him in heaven because only God deserves worship.

Read Isaiah 42:8

• Only the Lord is supposed to get the glory. Only the Lord is supposed to be worshipped. He will not share His glory with anyone else.

3. Did works only God can do

Read Mark 2:5

• **Forgive sins:** Only God can forgive sins because we have only sinned against God.

Read Colossians 1:16

• **Create:** Genesis 1 and Colossians 1 show that Jesus was as instrumental to Creation as God the Father.

Read John 10:27-28a

• **Grant eternal life:** Only God has authority to give people eternal life.

Read Matthew 25:31-32

• **Judge all the nations:** Who is going to be judging the nations at the final judgement?

Only God can judge — that is His job. This is not delegated to someone else.

Read John 2:19, Matthew 26:61;28:6-7, Acts 2:23-24

• **Predicted His own death and resurrection:** Jesus not only knew that He was going to die and rise again, but He predicted how it was going to happen.

• Not the physical temple: The Jews knew that Jesus was claiming that He will rise from the dead. That was why when Jesus died and was buried, they asked a Roman guard to be put in front of the tomb of Jesus.

• He fulfilled what He foretold: We know that Jesus is who He claims to be because He made the claims and predictions early on in His ministry.

• God raised Him just as He said: The greatest proof of the deity of Jesus is His resurrection.

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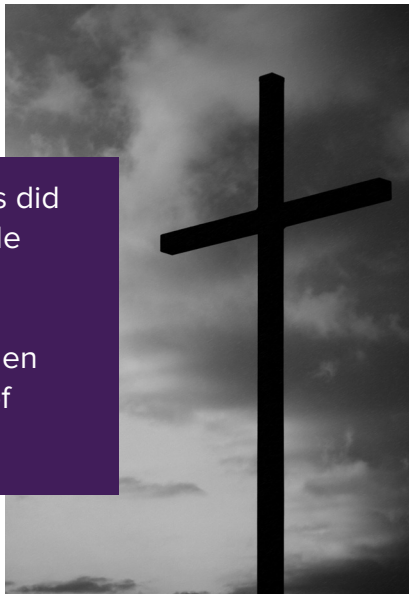
D. The Work of Christ: Atonement



The most important thing that Jesus did was the work on the cross that made reconciliation with us possible.

This is what theologians refer to when they talk about the "finished work of Christ" on the cross.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

• Jesus came to reconcile us with God; this is the primary reason that He came to earth.

Christ's Death Overcame All!

Wrath: Propitiation

• The abiding anger of God against sin
• Wrath satisfied by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus

Slavery: Redemption

- We are slaves of sin and Satan
- The solution to slavery is redemption

Spiritual Death: Substitution

- Before we come to Christ we are spiritually dead.
- Jesus died as a substitute (Romans 5:8)
- Through Christ's substitution, He made us spiritually alive (Ephesians 2:5)

> **THROUGH HIS ATONING SACRIFICE,**
> HE DEALS WITH ***THE WRATH OF GOD,***
> ***OUR SLAVERY TO SIN,***
> **AND *SPIRITUAL DEATH.***
> THIS BARRIER IS NO LONGER IN THE WAY.
> WHAT IS LEFT IS FOR US TO
> **BE RECONCILED WITH GOD.**

Read Hebrews 10:11-14

Perfect atonement

• Jesus became the final lamb sacrificed for our sins.
• The prophets foretold that the sacrificial system would end when the Messiah come.
• Animal sacrifices stopped because they are no longer needed.
• Jesus' sacrifice fulfilled and ended the entire temple sacrificial system.

We no longer need to offer sacrifices for our sins because one perfect sacrifice has already paid the penalty for all our sins - past, present, and future. **Jesus provided the complete and final atonement for us.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Imagine that you are having lunch with group of officemates who hear that you are a Christian. They challenge you to explain why you believe Jesus is God. How would you answer them?

2. Where would you take them in the Bible to show that Jesus is God?

APPLY IT

To understand Jesus is to know Him more and to further see His attributes. We need to clarify unbiblical thoughts about Him.

On the left column, write down things that are untrue about Jesus. Find verses answering these concerns. Who will you share this new found information to?

Unbiblical thoughts	Verse clarification	New meaning	Person you will share this to

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Your notes here..

PRAY IT

Lord Jesus, I come before You with a heart full of thankfulness and awe. Thank you for humbling Yourself to become a man, living a sinless life and willingly dying on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins.

Your shed blood is the perfect and final sacrifice, and Your resurrection on the third day secured eternal life for all who believe. I praise You as the Head of the church and for continually interceding for me before the Father.

Your love and sacrifice are beyond measure, and I am forever grateful. May my life honor and glorify You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION FOUR

SALVATION

God offers the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. In this session, we will understand our need for rescue, how Christ's death and resurrection overcame sin and death, and what it means to receive new life in Him. As we embrace this truth, we are equipped to live with assurance, gratitude, and a passion to share the good news with others.

WELCOME

Free Gift Reflection

List three gifts (material or non-material), you have received that made an impact in your life.

How does it feel to receive something truly valuable for free? Discuss in your group.

Learning Nugget

Just as we eagerly receive something for free, God offers us the greatest gift — salvation. Today, we will explore why this gift is priceless, how we can experience it personally, and how we can help others encounter its life-changing value.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SALVATION

TALK ABOUT IT

I. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Today people are not even sure they have a problem
- Not only do they reject God, but they see no need for salvation
- What is important is their own happiness today

Even among Christians

- Still much misunderstanding about how people are saved
- Are they saved forever?
- Can you know for sure that you are saved?
- What is the basis for our salvation?

Your notes here..

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW

CCF Statement of Faith about Salvation

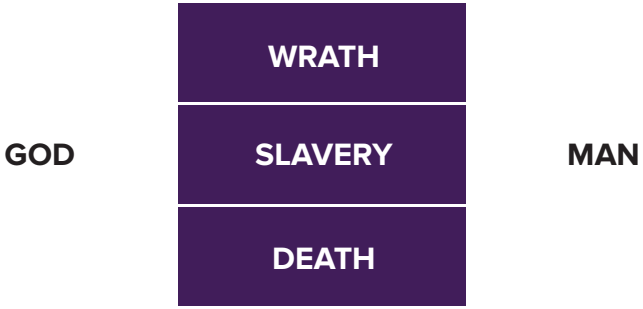
We believe that Salvation, with its forgiveness of sins, impartation of a new nature, and eternal life, is a free gift from God received when a person trusts in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord. Salvation is given by God's grace and cannot be earned by man through good works, baptism, church membership or any other means. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe that good works are not the means of salvation but are the expected product in the life of a true believer in Christ. It is every believer's responsibility to pursue a life of good works through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

A. Our Condition at the Fall:

- We experienced spiritual death (Romans 5:12)
- We became slaves of sin and Satan (John 8:34; Romans 6:6)
- We became objects of God's abiding wrath (John 3:36)

Three-fold Barrier between God and Man



Read Ephesians 2:1-3

B. Christ's death overcame all

- Wrath: Propitiation
- Slavery: Redemption
- Spiritual Death: Substitution

Read 1 John 2:2
1. Wrath: Propitiation

The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross satisfied the demands of God's holiness regarding the punishment of sin.

He fully satisfied the justice of God and appeased God's wrath against sin.

Read Psalm 85:2-3
Propitiation: Satisfaction, Covering

Mercy Seat
It is the mercy of God that allows the wrath of God to be satisfied.

• Jesus has made the perfect sacrifice. This is the propitiation, the satisfaction of God's just demands for sin to be paid for.
• Satisfaction also means covering. God sees us clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Your notes here..

JESUS, MY REDEEMER

Read John 8:34-36, Galatians 4:4-5, John 10:17-18, Psalm 49:7-9

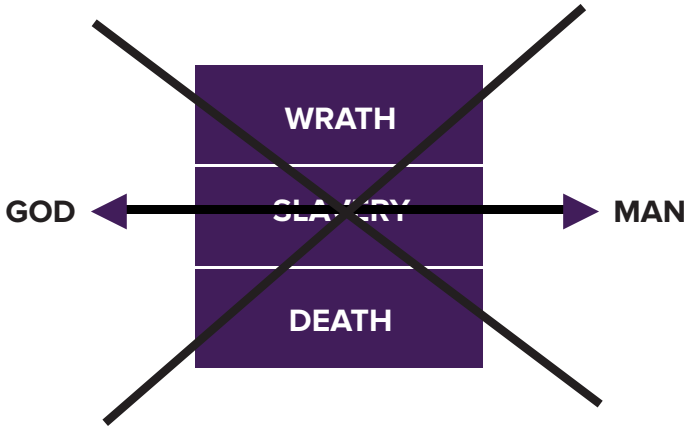
2. Slavery: Redemption
Who can redeem?

- Someone who is free – not another slave
- A kinsman (Galatians 4:4-5)
- Someone willing to redeem (John 10:18)
- Someone able to redeem (Psalm 49:7-9)

We can be tempted to think, this person isn't that bad, their life is okay (maybe even better than mine). How does knowing the truth about salvation change our perspective?

Read Romans 5:12, Colossians 2:13-14, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23
3. **Spiritual Death: Substitution**

- How many of us have sinned?
- What do we deserve because of our sin?



All of the barriers have been taken away but we are still separated from God. We still need to be reconciled to God.

PAUSE, PONDER AND SHARE

Why is it important to understand that our redemption comes only from Christ and that we need a substitute?

C. Who is saved?

Those who are **predestined?**
Those who **choose?**
The Biblical answer: **Yes!**

- The Bible says both of these are true.
- Scripture teaches both sides.
- Both have biblical support.

1. Elect: Key passages
Read Acts 13:48, 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 9:14-16, Ephesians 1:3-5

2. Choose: Key passages
Read John 3:14-16, Joshua 24:15,22, Romans 10:9-13

3. This is a tension
- Not every tension in Scripture is resolved.
- Humanly we cannot conceive of how God's sovereignty and man's will can function together.
- The solution is not to explain away the tension.

Is there a way forward?
Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

Your notes here..

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does knowing that both God's choice (predestination) and our choice (free will) affect your understanding of who is saved?

2. What are we called to do as ambassadors for Christ? How are you doing that? *(Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

APPLY IT

Salvation can be best explained by sharing the Gospel.

Practice how you share the gospel and identify the points you used in sharing it. What Biblical basis did you use as reference? Is there anything you need to improve? Write them in the table below.

Points in Sharing the Gospel	Doctrinal explanation (Where in the Bible do we find this?)	Evaluation of your own sharing	How you will improve
Man has a sin problem			
God has a solution - Jesus died for our sins			
Jesus is the perfect sacrifice			
What our response should be			
What is the result of our faith			

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Your notes here..

PRAY IT

Our Father in heaven, thank You for the precious gift of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. I am humbled that salvation is a free gift, not something I can earn by my own efforts. Help me to live a life worthy of this gift, bringing glory to Your name, and I look forward to being with You in glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION FIVE

THE TRINITY

In this session, we'll explore the truth of the Trinity, one God who exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will see how the Bible affirms this mystery and why it matters for our salvation and Christian walk. As we reflect on the unity and fellowship of the Trinity, we are encouraged to grow in love, faith, and obedience as His people.

WELCOME

True or False.
True or False. Put T before each statement if it is true or F if it is false.

1. Jesus Christ is God.
2. The Trinity means that there are three (3) Persons in one God, all of these Persons having equal rank and are of the same nature.
3. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Force.
4. Jesus Christ is half-God and half-man.
5. The Trinity means that there is only one God who exists in three (3) forms: as Father, who became the Son when He became man, and who became the Holy Spirit after the resurrection.
6. The Holy Spirit is God, equal with the Father and the Son.
7. Jesus Christ was just a man, a created being who was sinless.
8. The Trinity means that there are three (3) Gods of equal rank and of the same nature.
9. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ in spirit form.
10. Jesus Christ is God who became man and ceased to be God.
11. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but lesser in rank than the Father.

See pg. 138 for the answer key.

Learning Nugget

This activity helps us quickly check our understanding of the Trinity. Correct knowledge of the Trinity is essential because it shapes how we view God's nature, His relationship with us, and the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in our lives.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TRINITY

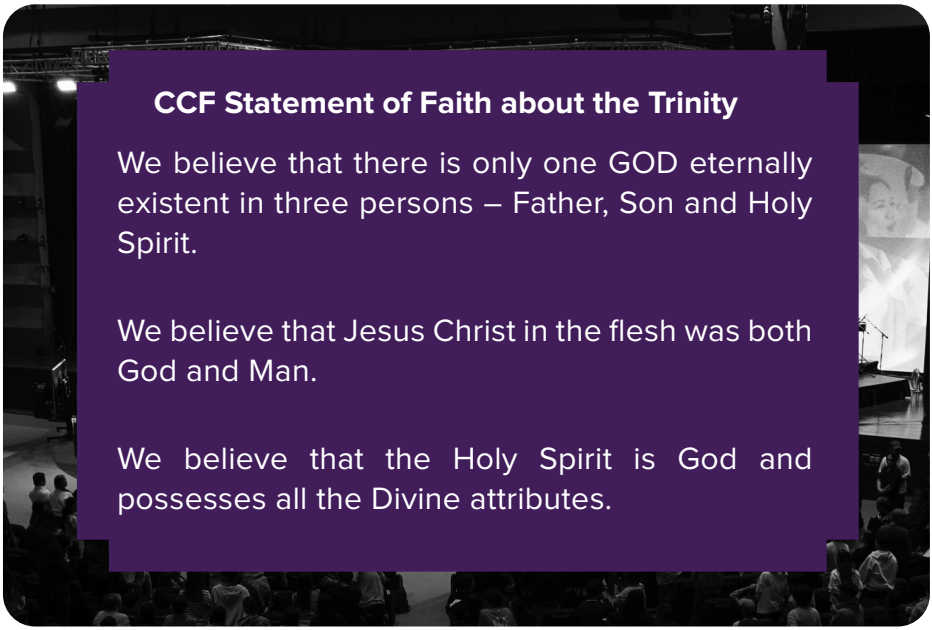
TALK ABOUT IT

I. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

• Different groups have different teachings about the nature of the Trinity.
• Cults like INC, Jehovah's Witnesses, United Pentecostals, and Mormons oppose Scriptural teaching.
• Islam teaches that Christians believe in a Trinity of God the Father, Jesus and Mary.

Even among Christians
• The Trinity is a difficult truth to explain.
• The more detailed we become in our explanation, the more problems we encounter.
• The complexity of the Trinity lends itself to misunderstanding.

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW



CCF Statement of Faith about the Trinity

We believe that there is only one GOD eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and Man.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and possesses all the Divine attributes.

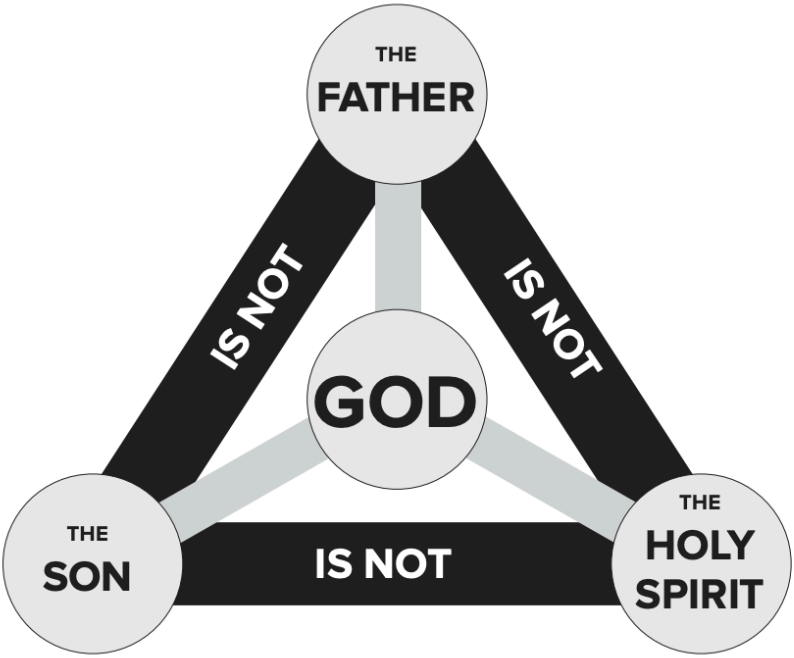
A. Wrong views of the Trinity

1. Modalism – God is one, but at various times reveals Himself in different modes

2. Arianism – God is one, but Jesus as the Son of God was created by the Father and is not of the same substance

3. Partialism – God is found in three parts which together constitute the Godhead.

B. Right view of the Trinity



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1. Athanasian Creed:
That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty co-eternal.

2. Biblical support for the Trinity
Verses that:
- Refer to the three persons of the Godhead together *(Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Genesis 1:26)*
- Directly teach that Jesus is God *(Titus 1:3-4)*
- Show Jesus doing things that God does *(Titus 1:3-4)*
- Directly teach that the Holy Spirit is God *(Acts 5:3-4; John 14:16)*
- Show the Holy Spirit doing what God does *(Acts 5:3-4; John 14:16)*

Read Matthew 28:19-20
- "in the Name of"
- The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit do have one name: God.
- The concept of the Trinity is in the Bible.

Your notes here..

Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

God the Father

Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ

The Trinity all work together in order to accomplish our salvation.

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14, Genesis 1:26

• All three of the Trinity was also part of creation.

The use of the word "Elohim" for God

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El, god or God

אלהים

El + ohim (plural form)

Read Titus 1:3-4

• God is our savior. And so is Jesus.
• They are both God.
• They are just one and the same – God the Father and God the Son.
• Jesus is God who became human.
• Christ has the fullness of the deity

Read Luke 5:20

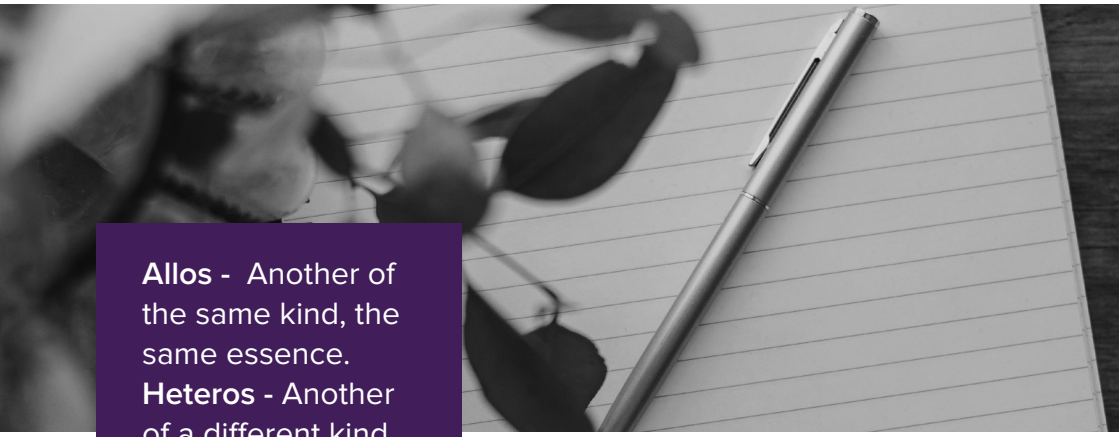
Jesus can forgive sins like the Father

Pause, Ponder and Share

What truth about the Trinity has impacted you most, and why does it matter in your life?

Read Acts 5:3-4
They lied to the Holy Spirit and to God, who is One and the same.

Read John 14:16
"I will ask the Father, and He will give you *"allos"* a Helper, that He may be with you forever;"



Allos - Another of the same kind, the same essence.
Heteros - Another of a different kind.

Read Hebrews 9:14

- Only God is eternal.
- The Holy Spirit existed from eternity past.

Read Genesis 1:1-2

- The Holy Spirit was with God when He was creating the world
- The Holy Spirit existed before creation.

Your notes here..

Read Psalm 33:6
• Ruach – breath = spirit in Hebrew

Read Job 33:4
• The Holy Spirit imparts life to us
• He gives us both spiritual and physical life

Read Psalm 104:30
• The Holy Spirit was involved in the creation of the world.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
• Nobody can really understand God.
• The only Person who can really fully understand God is God Himself, the Holy Spirit.
• Communication within the Godhead
• Jesus is interceding for us in front of the throne of God.
• God is not lacking anything. He is complete within Himself.

Your notes here..

C. The Trinity is a mystery

1. Mysteries are by nature mysterious.
2. Finite humans cannot conceive of how God can be one essence in three persons.
3. The mystery is not illogical or contradictory.
4. It is beyond our experience.

D. The Trinity changes everything

1. If God needed to create people to fulfill His relational nature, He would be incomplete.
2. If God's nature did not include relationships, He could be as fickle and arbitrary as the gods of the nations.
3. Love, mercy, justice, righteousness, etc. are part of His relational nature, and make it possible for us to be saved.

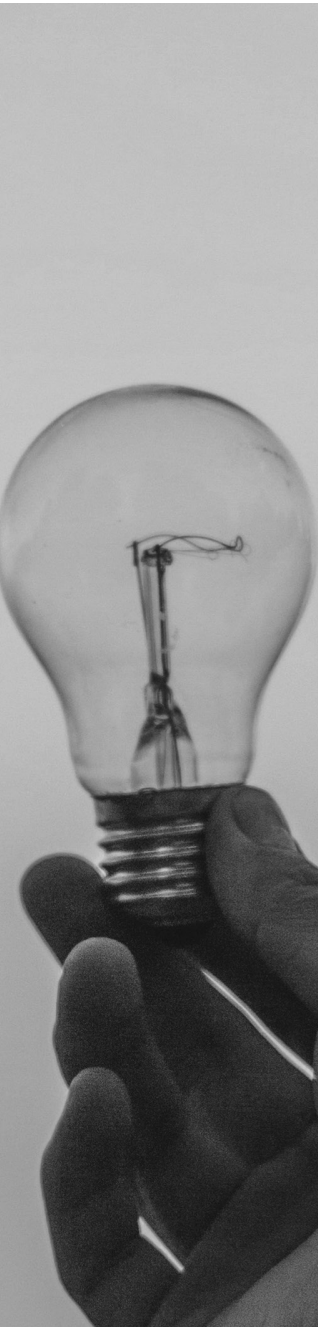
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How does the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) impact your Christian walk?

APPLY IT

The Trinity is a tricky truth to understand. Further digest what you have learned by filling out the table below. Indicate who you will share this with.

	What is clear?	Who will you share these to?
Jesus		
God the Father		
Holy Spirit		
Trinity		



As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Your notes here..

PRAY IT

Lord, even though I will never fully understand the mystery of one God eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – I trust in Your Word. Help me live a life that reflects this truth, guided by Your grace, love, and fellowship. May the words of 2 Corinthians 13:14 be a constant reminder to me: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

In Jesus' name, Amen.

SESSION SIX

MARRIAGE AND GENDER

God created marriage and gender with purpose and design. In a world that often confuses or redefines these truths, it's vital to go back to what Scripture teaches. Marriage is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman, reflecting Christ's love for the church. Gender, too, is part of God's perfect design—He made us male and female, each with unique roles and value in His plan. This session helps us understand God's original intent for marriage and identity, so we can honor Him in our relationships, choices, and the way we live out His truth.

WELCOME

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. Wives, submit to your husbands.

Ephesians 5:25, 33

Marriage Match-Up

1. There are 6 Biblical couples and 6 descriptions (clues).
2. Match the couple under column a to their description in column B

Column A	Column B
Abraham & Sarah	The first marriage God instituted; together in the Garden of Eden.
Adam & Eve	Obeyed God's call to care for His Son, showing faithfulness, protection, and trust.
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See pg. 139 for the answer key.

Your notes here..

Learning Nugget

The Bible shows us that marriage is more than a relationship between two people - it shapes families, influences future generations, and reflects God's design for love, commitment, and faithfulness. It was God who instituted marriage, designed to be between a man and a woman, to fulfill God's mandate for the flourishing of life on earth - physically and spiritually.

TALK ABOUT IT

I. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

• Family is one of our core values

• Family breakdown is rampant

• Our culture assumes, if two people love each other, sexual intimacy is normal

• The LGBTQIA+ movement is influencing global media and society

• Many reject Christ because they see believers as judgmental and hypocritical

Even among Christians...

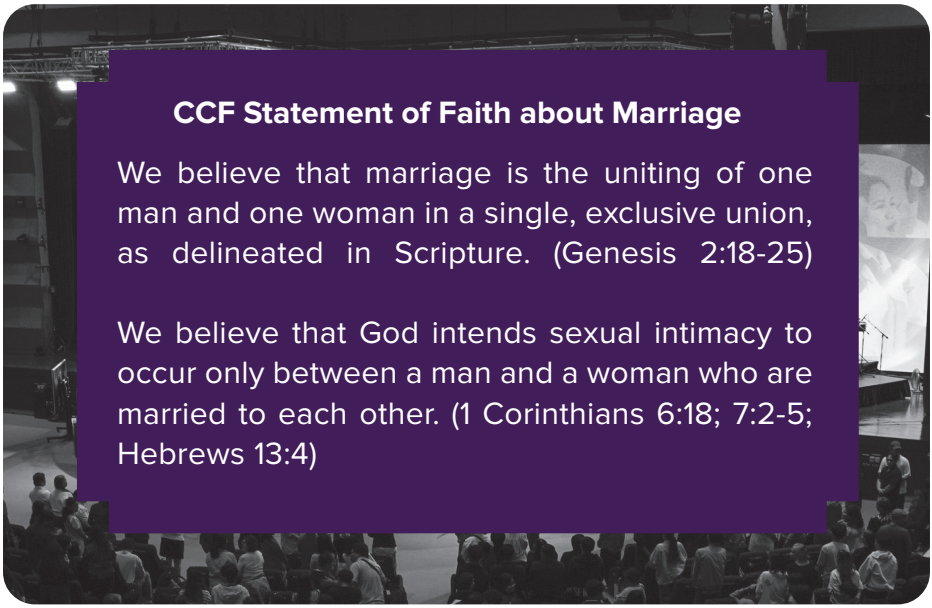
• Questions about divorce and remarriage, especially for new believers

• Christians also struggle with sexual identity

• Lack of openness about gender issues causes people to hide struggles

• Tendency to judge and condemn

II. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW



CCF Statement of Faith about Marriage

We believe that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25)

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4)

A. God's Design

Read Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7
1. God created both man and woman in His image

Read Genesis 2:18
2. God's design for the woman in marriage

• The original Hebrew word is, עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ "ezer kenegdo", meaning, "a helper suitable".

Read Genesis 2:20-22
Woman was "God-fashioned," or molded exactly the way that He wanted her to be.

Read Genesis 2:23
In Hebrew, this is an exclamation!

God created woman, exactly to be the right person for Adam.

From the very beginning, the intention of God was to create a couple, a man and a wife that would perfectly complement each other.

Read Genesis 2:24
3. God designed marriage to reflect the perfect unity of the Trinity that is never broken

Being created in the image of God, they are one being - a reflection of how God is one with three Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

God never intended that the husband and wife would be separated. Later on, the Israelites were allowed to divorce but that was not the original intention!

From the very beginning, the intention of the marriage relationship was to reflect what God is like, a perfect unity, that is never broken. This has implications for how we view divorce and re-marriage.

B. What Jesus taught about marriage and divorce

1. God intended marriage to be a permanent union and divorce was never intended to be acceptable.

• During that time, it was acceptable in that culture to divorce.

• Moses gave the certificate of divorce to protect the woman so that she could not be wrongly accused of adultery, and that she would have a legal document to support it.

2. God desires forgiveness and restoration for every troubled marriage relationship.

Read Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18
• There is no escape clause: the passage clearly states that marrying after divorce is adultery. This applies to everyone, with no exceptions.

• What is expected from God's side is marriage relationships should stay together permanently.

C. What Paul taught on marriage and divorce

Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-11
Context: Paul was speaking to the Corinthians who came from a very pagan environment.

Read 1 Corinthians 7:12-13
Paul's opinion: don't divorce your unbelieving spouse if they are willing to stay together.

Read 1 Corinthians 7:15

• If the unbelieving party wants to divorce, you cannot do anything about it.

Read 1 Corinthians 7:17,20

• Don't try to unscramble scrambled eggs.

• Strive to have a Christ-centered relationship from this point forward.

The basic tenor of Scripture is marriage is a permanent union between a man and a wife.

• Don't look for a way out of the marriage

What about "Irreconcilable Differences?"

I have known many happy marriages, but never a compatible one. The whole aim of marriage is to fight through and survive the instant when incompatibility becomes unquestionable. For a man and a woman, as such, are incompatible.

- G. K. CHESTERTON

Jesus' intent is for us to be more like Christ. And often it is conflict and friction that makes Christlikeness happen. God's intent is for marriage to be a permanent union until death.

D. A Permanent Covenant

1. Marriage was God's idea; it is integral to who we were created to be.

• Being single does not mean that one is incomplete.

2. It is at the center of spiritual warfare – the focus of the rebellion of Satan.

• Satan attacks the husband and wife.

• It is always spiritual warfare.

E. CCF Policy on Divorce and Remarriage

CCF believes that from the beginning, the intention of the marriage relationship was to reflect what God is like, a perfect unity, that is never broken. Marriage, as shown, in the Bible, is the exclusive union between a biological man and woman, which is meant to be for life.

1. CCF encourages couples whenever possible to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

• Divorce was later allowed in Old Testament times, but God never intended, in His perfect will, that husband and wife would be separated. Divorce was never intended to be acceptable.

• CCF elders consider remarriage situations on a case-to-case basis, taking into account such factors as when the persons seeking remarriage became believers, what efforts have been exerted to reconcile with their former spouses, do their former spouses have new partners and children with said partners etc.

• Generally, CCF pastors do not perform a marriage ceremony for those in a second relationship. However, as mentioned above, exceptions may be considered on case-to-case basis.

2. Some common questions

"If we are in love, then what is wrong with being physically intimate?"

• Sex is part of God's design. He made this for procreation, for unification as a couple, but is specific for the marriage relationship.

• We need to follow God's plan.

• Pre-marital sex actually damages relationships later on.

• People who engage in pre-marital sex have less sexual satisfaction than those who have been married for many years.

• Pre-marital sex is not honoring to God.

"How will we know if we are compatible?”

• Josh McDowell says, “The plumbing almost always works”. The physical attributes of sex will almost always work.

“What if we are no longer in love?”

• Love is not a feeling. Love is essentially “an unconditional commitment towards imperfect people to seek their highest good which may require sacrifice resulting in His glory.”

• Feelings are not the determinant of whether you will stay committed in a relationship.

“What about abusive relationships?”

• In cases of abuse and physical threat, a husband and wife may have to physically separate for a time. We advise that spouses seek to continue working on the relationship, trusting that God is at work in bringing about forgiveness, restoration and transformation in the marriage. The victim should be accountable to the parents and the Dleader.

• But this is not Biblical grounds for divorce. This is just a chance to step back from the relationship to be able to reboot.

Your notes here..

GROUP DISCUSSION

When does the Bible permit divorce, separation, or remarriage, and how should we apply this with grace and truth?

APPLY IT

How should we respond?

The world has many lies that make our minds contradict God's truth. Name the lies of the world about marriage, divorce and remarriage. For each lie, give the biblical truth. Then write down names of who you will share this to in the table below.

	Worldly Lies	Biblical Truths	Who you will share this to
Marriage			
Divorce			
Remarriage			

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Your notes here..

PRAY IT

Lord, thank You for teaching us that marriage is Your design between a man and a woman. I pray for the restoration of broken marriages, that You would bring healing and renewal. Help couples commit to praying daily for Your protection over their marriage, working through challenges, and persevering in love during difficult times. Strengthening their bond and guiding them through every trial.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

WELCOME

In today's society, gender has become a highly debated and often confusing topic. In this session, we will look at what the Bible teaches about God's design for gender. Understanding this will equip us to confidently and lovingly explain God's plan - especially to young people and to a world that struggles with this issue. Scripture shows us that God created only two genders: male and female.

Take turns sharing your thoughts or opinions with the group on the following questions:

1. What would be your initial reaction if your child or someone you care about admits that he or she is gay or lesbian? Why?

2. How would you respond to this situation?

Encourage everyone to listen respectfully and create a safe space for honest sharing.

Learning Nugget

This activity helps us reflect on our heart responses in sensitive and personal situations, as our initial reactions often reveal our beliefs, fears, and understanding. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond with grace and truth, listening with compassion while staying faithful to God's Word.

TALK ABOUT IT

III. WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW (GENDER)

CCF Statement of Faith about Gender Issues

Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man, a woman, and Himself, CCF will only recognize and solemnize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman who are committed to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as biologically male or biologically female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

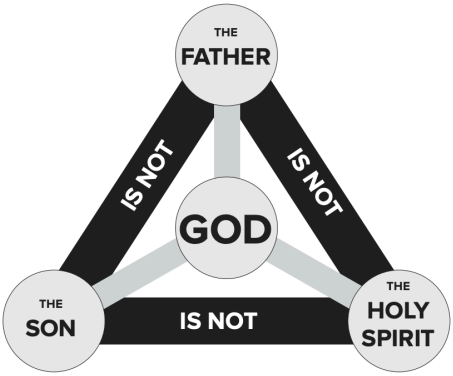
A. God's Design

Read Genesis 1:26-27

1. What is God's Image?

1. Moral
2. Intellectual
3. Creative
4. Spiritual
5. **Relational - Genesis 2:20;-22**

2. God's Nature: Trinity



God created man and woman to be different, yet complementary.

Their differences reflect the image of God, in a unique way — just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct yet perfectly one.

God's nature is Triune – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

a. Each person of the Trinity is distinct, yet they exist in perfect unity and relationship.

b. Man in the image of God is also relational – but his most intimate relationship cannot be with someone that is the same as himself.

c. Man and man or woman and woman cannot reflect the image of God.

d. God's intention for sex has always been man and woman, a husband and wife, within the confines of marriage.

Read 1 Corinthians 7:2

But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

3. Is homosexual sex sin?

Read Romans 1:26-27

a. Scripture says repeatedly that it is.

Read 1 Timothy 1:9-10, Leviticus 20:13, 18:22

b. Man disobeyed God; sin (lawlessness and rebellion) was never God's intent for man.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

c. The sin of homosexuality is not treated as worse than other sins. In Scripture, it appears in the same list as many common sins - showing that all sin, whether sexual or otherwise, separates us from God and needs His forgiveness.

Your notes here..

B. Some common questions

Is attraction to the same sex sin?

• No. Attraction to a person of the same sex is not sin. Sin is acting on the attraction and having sexual relations with the person of the same sex.

• Temptation is not sin. Giving in to the temptation and acting out on the temptation is sin.

What is wrong with having a committed same sex relationship?

• Even if we insist that there is no difference with homosexual relationships, one will see that the biology clearly states differently.

What if I have tried to change but I can't?

• Our goal is live purely before God.

• It is possible to be attracted to the opposite sex and to the same sex. The goal is not to eliminate the attraction. But to live according to God's design.

• Live a celibate life. Remaining sexually pure and abstaining from sexual relations.

• Wait on God to transform you and while waiting, stay committed to purity.

Who is a worse sinner?

Read Galatians 5:19-21

• Homosexuality is not singled out in this passage; it falls under the broader category of sexual immorality.

• Christians often treat homosexuality as a worse sin than others.

• This attitude leads to unfair judgement and makes people in the LGBTQ+ community feel condemned by Christians.

Read John 8:10-11

• Jesus doesn't excuse the sin of the woman.

• When we see people sin, we have to be able to call out the sin and hold off on the condemnation.

• Jesus doesn't condemn her.

• Love the person because this is what Jesus would have done.

If I don't speak out against homosexuality, am I not condoning it?

• Check yourself, are you speaking out the same way against other sins such as lying?

• The most effective approach is to love people, address sin gently, and lead them toward Christ rather than condemn them.

• God will deal with the sin, our job is bridge people to Christ.

• We need to extend more grace than usual to the LGBTQIA+ community.

In summary

A. Homosexual sex is sin.

B. Presenting oneself as the opposite sex, when one is not, is also sin.

C. We must not reject or condemn people because of their struggles.

• Jesus is our prime example, in Romans 5:8, it states that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How would you respond to a gay person who says they don't want to believe in Christ because they feel judged by Christians?

APPLY IT

What are your perspectives about same-sex relationships/LGBTQIA+ community before and now? Use the chart below to put your insights.

Before		After	
Perspective	Attitudes	Perspective	Attitudes
Ex. It is fine as long as they are happy	Condoning the homosexual act		

As a result of what I have learned today, I will....

Your notes here..

PRAY IT

Lord, teach us to address gender issues with love and compassion, always sharing the truth in love, with the goal of leading others to Christ for salvation, healing and wholeness. Help us to remember that, just as all sins – lying, stealing, anger, and hurting others – are wrong in Your eyes, we must approach each person with grace and humility. May we never be too critical but instead reflect Your heart of mercy and truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Book 7: Family Life

Now that you know the basic Bible doctrines on which our Christian faith and conduct is based on as a local body of believers in CCF, what's next? Your discipleship journey will now take you to a study of God's plan and purpose for your family.

It is said that healthy families result in healthy churches and nations. Thus, our next module in the GLC Essentials Series is "Family Life". In this module, you will discover God's design for the family, its importance and the role of its members.

You will also learn how to have good communication and restore strained or broken relationships within the family. And in order to have a next generation of Christ-committed followers, it is important that each one of us will leave a Godly legacy through our biological and spiritual children.

So be ready to receive the blessings that God has in store for you and your family, as you go through your next set of lessons in Book 7: Family Life. Enjoy your time together and may our families become what God has intended them to be for His glory!

ANSWER KEY

SESSION 1 WELCOME ACTIVITY

HIDDEN BIBLE BOOK NAMES:
56 Books of the Bible underlined

The following article contains the names of all the books of the Bible hidden within the words. See if you can find them all! I once made a re**mark** about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lu**lu, ke**pt some people loo**king s**o hard for f**acts**. And for others it was **revelation**. Some were in a **jam. Es**pecially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the t**ruth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others, it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a mos**t fascinating few moments to you. Do these while you're watching TV, sitting on the **john**, eating tu**na, hum**ming your favorite reggae tune--- a **song of Sol, "O Mon**, I believe you!"

Y**es, ther**e will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admi**t it us**ually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says s**he brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. There are t**hose a**mong us who might need music – a ban**jo, el**ectric guitar, or drums! See how well you can com**pete. R**elax now, listen to **Genesis** on the radio, or play your ban**jo! Nah,** just concentrate on the task at hand. Find them all and be a **pro! Verbs** and subjects don't always agree in this article, but don't let that stand in your way!

I even asked for help from my **ex. "O, Du!" s**he said. I replied, "**Corinth, I ans**wer your questions," but she said, "Come back at Rama**dan." I el**oquently thanked her. Frustrated, she said, "The puzzle **is a ... I ... ah**.. I don't find these **EZ. Ek! I el**ect not to do them!" I thought about offering her a ju**ju de**coration or perha**ps alms**, but decided not to pursue it. This just about **chronicles** our relationship.

Some of the hardest books to hide were **Leviticus**, **Deuteronomy**, **Joshua**, **Samuel**, **Nehemiah**, **Ecclesiastes**, **Jeremiah**, **Obadiah**, **Micah**, **Habakkuk**, **Zephaniah**, **Haggai**, **Zechariah**, **Malachi**, **Galatians**, **Ephesians**, **Philippians**, **Colossians**, **Timothy**, and **Philemon**. Remember that ten of the names are duplicated like First and Second **Thessalonians**, so you will only find fifty-six distinct names.

This puzzle is not **EZ – ra**ther, it is quite difficult. It would be simpler if the books were in a list that you could pick f**rom. Ans**wer can be anywhere in this article, so that makes this for**mat the w**orst! Do your best and God bless!

SESSION 3 WELCOME ACTIVITY

1. The tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa Tower in Dubai. It is the tallest man-made structure in the world; however, without it's "vanity height", the building would be dwarfed by 11 other European skyscrapers.

Source: www.newsfeed.time.com/2013/09/05

2. The smallest dog living, in terms of height, is a female Chihuahua called Miracle Milly, who measured 9.65 cm (3.8 in) tall on 21 February 2013 and is owned by Vanesa Semler of Dorado, Puerto Rico.

Source:http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/size/smallest-dog-living

3. Tokyo, Japan: Tokyo tops the list and remains the world's largest city with 38 million dwellers. Though the UN has predicted a decline in the city's population, it will still remain the world's most populous city in 2030 with 37 million inhabitants.

Source: http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/world-population-day-2014-top-10-most-populous-cities-revealed-1456214

SESSION 5 WELCOME ACTIVITY

1. Jesus Christ is God. (T)

2. The Trinity means that there are three (3) Persons in one God, all of these Persons having equal rank and are of the same nature. (T)

3. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Force. (F)

4. Jesus Christ is half-God and half-man. (F)

5. The Trinity means that there is only one God who exists in three (3) forms: as Father, who became the Son when He became man, and who became the Holy Spirit after the resurrection. (F)

6. The Holy Spirit is God, equal with the Father and the Son. (T)

7. Jesus Christ was just a man, a created being who was sinless. (F)

8. The Trinity means that there are three (3) Gods of equal rank and of the same nature. (F)

9. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ in spirit form. (F)

10. Jesus Christ is God who became man and ceased to be God. (F)

11. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but lesser in rank than the Father. (F)

SESSION 6 WELCOME ACTIVITY

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APPENDIX:

ADDITIONAL READINGS

Source: Dr. Jim Whelchel Building Foundations for Life Foundations for Christian Leadership

This additional reading for Book 6 presents key Christian doctrines, focusing on who God is, His nature and attributes, and His sovereignty over creation.

It also explains the person and work of Jesus Christ, including His incarnation and atoning sacrifice for salvation. Overall, it helps strengthen a believer's understanding of God and deepens their faith and relationship with Him.

You can access the full reading through the link provided below.
Link here: **bit.ly/Book6AdditionalReadings**

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