

# SMALL GROUPS

## Small Group Discussion Week of November 27, 2011

### Dogmata - Week 4 The Doctrine of the Trinity and the Work of the Holy Spirit

1. What are some ways people have tried to explain the Trinity to you?
2. Some people emphasize that the Trinity is a mystery and that we will never fully understand it in this life. How do you respond to the idea that you might not fully know or understand a part of your faith? What are some other parts of the Christian faith that have a component of mystery?

**Read:** Philippians 1:2; Titus 2:13; Acts 5:3-4

3. How do each of these passages teach that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all God?

**Read:** Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 1:9-11

4. How do you see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working together in these passages?

**Read:** Isaiah 45:21-22; Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and 1 Samuel 2:2

5. What does the Bible teach about monotheism (there is only one God)? How would you respond to a person who says, "I really think the Bible teaches that there are three Gods?"
6. How does God the **Father** work in our salvation and in our lives?
7. How does God the **Son** work in our salvation and in our lives?

**Read:** John 14:15-27

8. Some people speak of the Holy Spirit as an "It," or some kind of life force. What does this passage teach about the personal nature of the Holy Spirit?
9. According to this passage, what is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
10. Use a concordance or Bible search tool on your smart phone and look for passages about the Holy Spirit. Answer this question: How does God the **Holy Spirit** work in our salvation and in our lives?
11. The Holy Spirit is called the comforter or counselor. Tell about a time you experienced God draw near you when you were in a difficult situation. How did He bring you the wisdom and support you needed to make it through?