

Trinity Talk #2 Post-Talk Discussion Questions

Do you speak of “being friends with God” or “friends with Jesus”? Does the Bible encourage us to use either of these expressions? Would you be comfortable to speak of being “friends with the Father” or “friends with the Spirit”?

Look through the Nicene Creed. (over page)

- a) What things don't you understand?
- b) What things are helpful?
- c) What ideas about the Trinity are being affirmed?
- d) What ideas about the Trinity are not really emphasised?
- e) Do you find the language of “begotten” and “proceeding” helpful?
- f) What is helpful about a creed (statement of belief)? What could be unhelpful?
- g) Should we say the creed together more often at dpc?

How should the Trinity shape how we pray? Change our thinking on prayer?

(you might want to look up these verses and identify the different roles of the members of the Trinity Matt 6:1-8, 6:9-15, 6:25-27, Eph 1:15-17, Eph 3:14-19, Mark 14:35-36, Rom 8:15-17)

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.