

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Leif Hetland - *Seeing Through Heaven's Eyes* → this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Timothy Keller- *Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God*
- C.S. Lewis - *Mere Christianity*
- Greg Boyd - *Repenting of Religion*
- Chris Tomlin - *God's Great Dance Floor* (song) available on iTunes or Passion - *Let the Future Begin*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- **Quest Study Bible (NIV translation)**
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Dancing with the Triune God

Week 2 of series: The Power of Community

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We are so glad that you joined us today. A few words about our church... We seek to be an expression of God's love for the world. It's our hope that you get a taste of that love during your time with us as we sing, unpack the Scriptures, take communion, and pray. Welcome to our community...

Dancing with the Triune God

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Notes:

Key Passage:

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. - John 17:1-5 (NIV)

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message “stick” we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: When and where was the first “dance” you ever attended in your teen years? What do you remember about it? Where did you spend more time: on the dance floor or against a wall? Have fun with this question!
2. Before you heard today’s sermon, if a spiritual seeker asked you why you (as a Christian) believe that God chose to create human beings, how would you have answered him or her? What about now?
3. Before you heard today’s sermon, if a spiritual seeker asked you what’s the big deal about God being a Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), how would you have answered him or her? What about now?
4. Read 1 John 4:8. In *Knowing the Truth About God’s Love*, Peter Kreeft writes, “Love is God’s essence. Nowhere else does Scripture express God’s essence in this way. Scripture says God is just and merciful, but it does not say that God is justice itself or mercy itself. It does say that God *is* love, not just a *lover*. Love is God’s very essence. Everything else is a manifestation of this essence to us, a relationship between this essence and us.” What are your thoughts on this quote?
5. In *Mere Christianity* C. S. Lewis writes, “God is not a static . . . but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance . . . And now, why does it all matter? The whole dance, or drama, or pattern of this three-Personal life is to be played out in each one of us: or (putting it the other way around) each one of us has got to enter that pattern, take his place in that dance. There is no other way to the happiness for which we were made.” What are your thoughts on this quote?
6. Read Genesis 3:1-7. In *Seeing Through Heaven’s Eyes* Leif Hetland provides commentary on this passage: “The first family broke the embrace, wanting to do their *own* dance to their *own* music. They stumbled and fell, bringing discord into the world, and it seemed the dance had come to a tragic end. But God still loved them, sought them out, and promised them the blessing would one day overcome the curse, that the music would not die , that the dance would go on.” What are your thoughts on this quote?
7. A Key Thought in today’s sermon was: “You were made to enter into a divine dance with the Triune God.” How does this word picture impact your theology about God and how you ought to relate to Him?