Notes

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Father, Son, Spirit
Embraced by the Father

Group Discussion Questions

When you think about God, what comes to mind? How do you think that might influence the way you live and relate?

The doctrine of the Trinity is unique among all religions, it sets the Christian gospel apart from all other worldviews. What challenges do you find in believing God is Triune in nature? What beauty do you find in believing Jesus' revelation of the Trinity?

Read Matthew 28:16-20. God's new name (singular) according to Jesus is threefold: Father, Son, and Spirit. What does it mean for us to be "immersed" into the Name of Father, Son, and Spirit?

In Luke 15:11-31 Jesus tells a story about a Father with two rebellious sons. The imagery of God the Father that Jesus uses reveals that God is a Father who runs after rebels to restore them. How does this challenge your ideas and feelings about God as Father? How have you experienced His pursuit and restoration?

In Galatians 4:4-7 we see what the Son of God has done to make us sons and daughters of the Father. What strikes you about the imagery of adoption? By God's grace we are able to know the Father in the intimate embrace He has for the Son in the Spirit. How would resetting your identity on the promise of this passage effect the way you live?

Dwell on the passage in Galatians together. Take time to silently reflect on it. What message are you receiving about being adopted by the Father? What kind of response will you have to this Father who draws us into His Family?