

FRAMEWORK

Week 1: Triune God

A New Sermon Series:

Welcome to our series called Frameworks. Every house or building begins with a frame, the structure that will support and uphold the architecture of a building that is used and lived in by people. The beauty of a house that is seen and witnessed by the surrounding community or the collapse and failure of structure has its beginning in the framing. The same is true of our Christian life. Your beliefs, habits, and practices are built upon a framework of understanding of God, human beings, church, mission, purpose, meaning, ethics, rites, and rituals. These are then lived out in community and relationship with God and one another.

The Frameworks series, which will take us through the end of the year will provide our community a glimpse into the who (do we believe in), the what (do we believe about God), the why (do we believe in God), and the how (spirituality, practice, and ethic of our beliefs).

The goal of Frameworks is not exhaustive, but an introduction and an encouragement to take one more step deeper into our understanding and relationships as followers of Jesus impacting the world.

Message Focus:

Triune God

The Passages: Romans 11:36, John 1:18, John 14:9

Other passages: Gen. 1:26, Matt. 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2

The Framework Breakdown:

1. As we begin our series on Frameworks, we begin with God. Why do we begin with God? When was the last time you reflected on "Who is God?" Name some of the characteristics of God. Where do these come from? We often use words such as perfect, eternal, loving, and holy in our description of God, are there more descriptive words? Why are these words significant? Which characteristics bring you the most comfort, and which ones challenge you the most?

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2. What do disciples of Jesus believe about God and the Trinity that stands out from those who come from a different faith tradition or have no belief system at all? What are the three most common names given to the Trinity? The Trinity is the perfect relationship, but what are the unique roles of each person in the Trinity?

3. Look for the word Trinity in the Scripture, where did you find it? Where in Scripture do Christians develop an understanding of the Trinity and God is One? How does the Christian belief in the Trinity shape our understanding of relationships? If God is relational, then how do you live in relationship with God? How does living in relationship with God impact our relationships with one another?
