

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Building an Acts 29 Church
(Part 3) We Were Made for God
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Small Group Study for Week of June 6-12

The Big Idea: The Trinity is one of the most important doctrines of the Christian church. It teaches us that the one loving God has always existed, equal as Father, Son and Spirit, an eternal community of love. Out of His very nature God creates human beings and invites them into a trinity of relationships, with themselves, others and with God. The church, called God's body is the highest expression of this trinity of relationships and needs to help people in their triune relationships.

Group Reads: John 17:20-26 and Romans 8:1, 9-11

Questions:

1. Jesus prays for the church to be one and He does so by describing His relationship with the Father. How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? What would such a relationship in the church look like?
2. When you look at John and Romans together, you see that Jesus is inviting us to have the same relationship with the Triune God as He has? Discuss what that says about our importance and how we are to live?

Group Reads: Colossians 3:1-17

The following questions have to do with the triune relationships God wants us to have: 1) an understanding of ourselves 2) others and 3) God.

3. According to Colossians 3:1-4 and verse 12 what are the motivations (there are at least three) for all relationships and growth? What wrong motivations do we sometimes find ourselves using to change and be good?
4. What does Colossians 3:1-17 tell us about the need to understand ourselves? How can we do this?
5. What does Colossians 3:1-17 tell us about the kind of relationships we are to have with others? How can we do this?
6. What does Colossians 3:1-17 tell us about the kind of relationship we are to have with the Triune God and how are we to have this kind of relationship?
7. If CCCC is to fulfil God's desire for His body, the church, then we will need to help people in the triune relationships. Can you suggest ways it can help in these areas? Any answers the group gives can be sent to pastor@cccc.org.au