



Part 1: Filling In the Blank

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God is _____.

An invitation to fill in the blank:

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

- Matthew 16:13-16

Who do people say that God is?

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Text your response, “God is _____” to 781-CTK-TEXT (781-285-8398) or email godis@ctkbellingham.com or use #ctkgodis on Twitter or Facebook.

The goals of this series:

We are going to challenge our own answer to the question, “Who is God?”

We are going to allow God to speak for himself.

We are going to address the false narratives that many people have assigned to God.

We are going to ask the tough questions and embrace the tension.

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We will begin with an assertion about God:

God is Father

God is Son/Jesus

God is Holy Spirit

Luke 3:21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Peter fills in the blank:

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Recommended Reading

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's the first word that comes to mind when you hear the name God?
- 2) In your world, who do people say that God is?
- 3) In your own words, who do you say that God is?
- 4) Do you find yourself more favorable toward one particular person in the Trinity? Why do you think that is?
- 5) Read the scriptures listed in the outline. Who is God saying he is?
- 6) What do you need prayer for this week?

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