



9/13-Small Group Questions Week One: God

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 44:6-45:25- What do these verses teach us about monotheism?
2. Read Mark 12:29-30; I Corinthians 8:4; Ephesians 4:6; I Timothy 2:5-What does the N.T. teach in these passages?
3. Read Romans 8; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; I Peter 1:2-These verses teach that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together to bring about salvation. How can this be?
4. Read John 1:18 - Who is this God who is at the Father's side? How can this be?
5. Read Acts 7:59; Romans 9:5, 10:9-13; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Philippians 2:5-6; Colossians 1:15-17, 2:9; Hebrews 1:1-12; I Peter 3:15 - What do these verses teach us about Jesus?
6. Read Acts 5:3-4 - If we lie to the Holy Spirit it is as if we are lying to whom? How can this be?
7. Read Matthew 28:19- Jesus prescribed baptism in the NAME (singular: one name, one God) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit - the three persons who are the one God to whom Christians commit themselves. How can this be?

According to the Word of God;

1. God is NOT three separate gods (tritheism), which is what Mormonism teaches.
2. God is not one god who manifests himself in different roles or modes (modalism), which is what Oneness Pentecostalism teaches. T.D. Jakes has been described as such for some comments he has made in regards to biblical trinitarianism.
3. Jesus is not subordinate to God the Father in position (subordinationism), which is taught by Jehovah's Witness.

Application

If we recognize the threeness of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we will observe how they treat each other and seek to emulate in our relationships with one another. What difference could this possibly make?