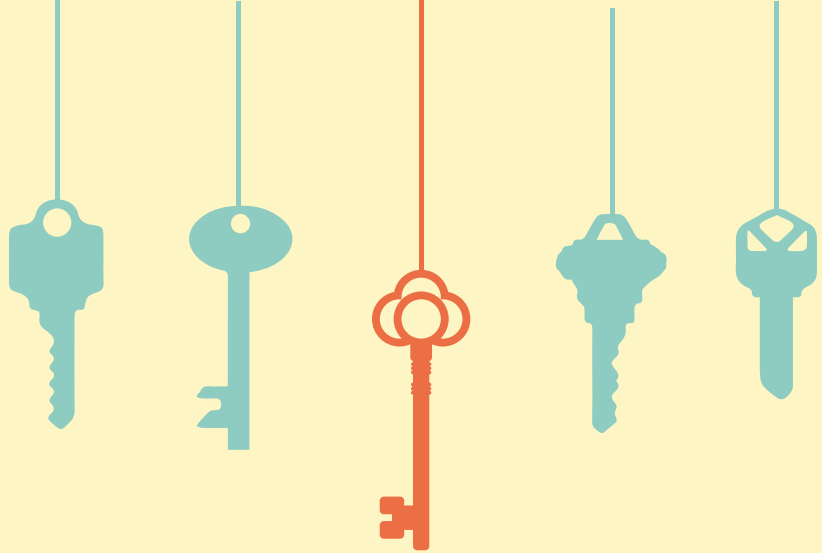

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THE TRINITY

OVERVIEW

The Trinity can be heady and mysterious. However, it is important for us to understand because it is who God is, it is important, and Paul writes of it in Galatians 4.

There are two common mistakes that people make with the Trinity: modalism which claims that God takes on three different roles, and Arianism which claims that Jesus is not fully God. To see the full comedic video, click here or go to youtube.com and search "St. Patrick's Bad Analogies."

The Trinity shows us love precedes everything else because the relationship that God has with himself is perfect. It also shows the importance of community.

The Trinity should shape how we pray and teach us how to be unified.

Read: Galatians 4:1-6

Discuss:

1. Did you hear anything surprising in the sermon? Maybe an analogy that you've always heard for the Trinity that Mike "debunked."

2. Pastor Mike had 4 reasons for talking about the Trinity:

- We want to know God.
- It is important for the gospel.
- There is a lot of non-Trinitarian thinking.
- - It comes up in Galatians 4:6.

Which reason do you find most compelling? Why?

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4. How does this lay a foundation for understanding the Trinity?

4. Have you ever heard someone talking about the Trinity using Modalism (the claim that God takes on different roles but is not three distinct persons) or Arianism (the belief that the Father is supreme and Jesus and the Holy Spirit are less than)? Discuss any problems with those ways of thinking.

5. Have you ever connected with a truth about God through art? How?

6. How does studying the Trinity shape how we pray?

7. Read Gal. 4:7 What do you think it means to be heirs with Christ with regard to the relationship of the Trinity?

8. Look up the lyrics to *Holy Holy Holy*. Which verse do you find compelling why?