

1) What is the Trinity? Who are the 3 defined within the Trinity?

2) How is the Trinity and our belief about God within the Trinity different from other religions like Judaism and Islam?

3) Share a time in your OIKOS community when you had to explain something very difficult (like the Trinity). What metaphors or examples did you use? Write them down here. What is the example that you might use to relate the Trinity to the people around you (St. Patrick used the 3 leaf clover)?

**Readings for this week:**

Genesis 1:24-31

Mark 1:9-11

John 16:5-15

Matthew 28:16-20

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
- a) On the 6th day, God created human beings in “our image”, what is important about the use of the plural pronoun “our?”
  - b) In the Gospel of Mark, what happens at Jesus’ Baptism? Who was there?
  - c) What does Jesus mean when he talks about the Holy Spirit as ‘the advocate?’ What role then does the Holy Spirit play in the life of those who are Baptized?
  - d) Why does Jesus use the trinity for who we are to Baptize? What does that have to do with question A above?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice talking about God within your OIKOS community. Use the trinity as a starting point and see where it takes you.