



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS week 1

We are spending 3 weeks in Revelation 1:1-8 learning about the Glorious Trinity of God: Father Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One. During this series in the Growth Group studies we will be considering parallel passages that teach us more about the Trinity.

Read Matthew 11:25-30 (and pray)

1. When we share the good news of Jesus and people reject it, we get disheartened and perhaps even grumpy with God. **Looking at wider context of Matthew chapter 11, what is surprising about the way Jesus responds to rejection in verse 25-30? What aspect of God does Jesus take great comfort in?**
2. Verse 25-30 is an amazing passage in which Jesus teaches us some astounding things about the relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus does this in a very special way. He draws 4 parallels between the Father and the Son. **Look at how does Jesus describes the Father in the start of verse 25. What does this description tell us about God? Parallel 1: compare this with how Jesus describes His own authority in the start of verse 27. What does this tell us about the Father and the Son?**
3. **What does Jesus say God the Father has done in verse 25? Parallel 2: compare this with what Jesus says He Himself does at the end of verse 27. What does this tell us about the Father and the Son?**
4. Jesus says that the Father has done things according to His will in verse 26. In other words, God the Father does as He pleases. **Parallel 3: what word does Jesus use in verse 27 that draws a direct parallel between the Father and the Son? What does this tell us about the Father and the Son?**
5. **Parallel 4: Look closely at verse 27. What parallel does Jesus draw between the knowledge that the Father and the Son have? What does this say about the Father and the Son?**
6. Now, let's put it all together. Jesus says that the Father and the Son are both sovereign over everything. Jesus says that the Father and the Son reveal each other to whomever they choose. Jesus says that the Father and the Son share the same sovereign will. Jesus says that the Father and the Son have exclusive knowledge of each other and they alone can reveal each other. **Discuss what all this teaches us about the Father and Son and the nature of God?**
7. Two persons who share the same sovereignty, the same will, the same exclusive knowledge of each other and are equally able to reveal each other must be One Being – even though they are two persons. **Look over verse 28-30 and discuss why Jesus, being One with the Father, turns out to be very good news for us.**