

Liturgy Notes for the week of October 15, 2017

Liturgy: The Work of the People

Friends and strangers, passionate believers, hopeful skeptics: All are welcome as full participants or thoughtful observers.

If you are visiting, you'll find a card in the pew pocket explaining our liturgy. Fill out the back side and drop it in the basket to keep in touch.

This Week's Readings

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *- Matthew 28:19-20*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. *- 2 Corinthians 13:13*

NOTES

See You Throughout the Week

- Lunch Today: Kickball at Ramsey Park
- October 28-SheLeads Summit: A one-day conference about how women and men can lead the Church together.

Community Group Discussion Guide

Community Groups are "Families on Mission."

Learn more at AustinMustardSeed.org/CommunityGroups.

Use this guide to facilitate discussion in your group and in personal reflection.

Check-in

Always begin by checking in. This is a time for everyone in the group to speak briefly. You may choose to always use the basic check-in question "what was one high point and one low point from your past week?" or come up with an "icebreaker" of your own.

Sermon Synopsis // What is the Trinity?

The word trinity is never found in the Bible, yet for centuries, theologians have understood God to be a relational being of three in one. Why does it matter to the Christian faith that we see God as a trinity? What does this relational nature of God tell us about our own relational nature as humans?

Discussion Questions

1. Even though the word Trinity isn't found in the Bible, Christians have found that it captures the nature of God demonstrated in the Bible. How would you define the Trinity in your own words?
2. How would you differentiate the different persons of the Trinity? Which of the three do you most naturally identify with?
3. What practical difference does it make for you to know that love exists within the Trinity?
4. What makes a belief in the Trinity tangibly different than monotheism or polytheism?
5. How does this offer us an understanding of our own need for relationships? How might the loving model of the Trinity inspire relationships and dynamics in a church community? a Community Group? a Marriage?