

The Essentials God

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Big Idea: What you believe about God is essential to your faith.

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Isaiah 55:8-9

The Triune God:

- 1. There is one God**
- 2. God exists eternally in three persons**
- 3. Each person is fully and equally God**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Matthew 3:16-17

Verses on the Deity of Jesus:

**John 1:1-5; John 8:56-59; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15-20;
Colossians 2:9-10.**

Verses on the Deity of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Corinthians 3:16

Deuteronomy 29:29

Why does this matter?

- **God is relational.**

Genesis 1:1

James 1:17

Exodus 34:6-7

- **God hates evil, sin, and death.**

Psalm 115:3

James 1:13

- **Your choices matter *and* you can trust God.**

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Message Questions

We are beginning an eight-week series looking at the essential doctrines of the faith. This week we explored the doctrine of God. At Alderwood we believe in the one eternal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the creator of all things, perfectly good, who governs all things according to the purpose of his will. This Sunday, the big idea is: What you believe about God is essential to your faith.

Here are some additional passages you may wish to look up: **Verses on the Deity of Jesus:** John 1:1-5; John 8:56-59; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Colossians 2:9-10. **Verses on the Deity of the Holy Spirit:** Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 9:14; 1 Corinthians 3:16.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Pastor Wyatt shared that "The goal isn't to understand God – it's to know him and to be known by him." Why is it so hard for us to understand/comprehend all of who God is? Have someone read **Isaiah 55:8-9** to help unpack this a bit more.

2. Have someone read **Matthew 3:16-17**. What does this moment with Jesus teach us about the triune God?

