

The Trinity before our very eyes. Matthew 3.13-17

Week Three

Day One.

Listen to the episode. Read the following question, and write your answers in the box provided.

Baptism. What is your church's tradition of baptism? What do you understand by the act? Is it a command or an option? **Challenge:** If you don't know very much about baptism, then spend this week finding out more. Start with your church leader. Then do some reading.

Reflection: Christ's baptism. Christ was baptized to identify with his people. What difference does it make to you that Christ identifies with you? In what other ways does he identify with us in his life and ministry? Read Matt 4:2; 25:34-36; Mark 11:12; Jn 4:6. Christ's being with us is shown by his human life here on earth. Is there a particular aspect to this that speaks to you today? Eg. His struggle with Satan? The frailty of his body when he got tired and hungry? His evident love for his followers? Thank God for sending his Son to be with us. To die for us. Allow those thoughts to lead you into worship.

Prayer.

Day Two.

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The Trinity and Community Life. What does the nature of God tell us about community life in the church? If we are made in God's image and He is Three in One, how should that effect how we live together?

Reflection: The Trinity and Love. The Trinity is sometimes seen as a loving community. I John is one of the great books on love. Read chapter four. How is God speaking to you through that passage? Do you feel unloved? Ask God to reassure you of his great love for you. Are you being challenged in the area of love? Are you lacking love for those who are unlovely in your life? Ask God to convict you and then confess your weakness to him, and ask for forgiveness and strength to love in the power of His Spirit.

Prayer.