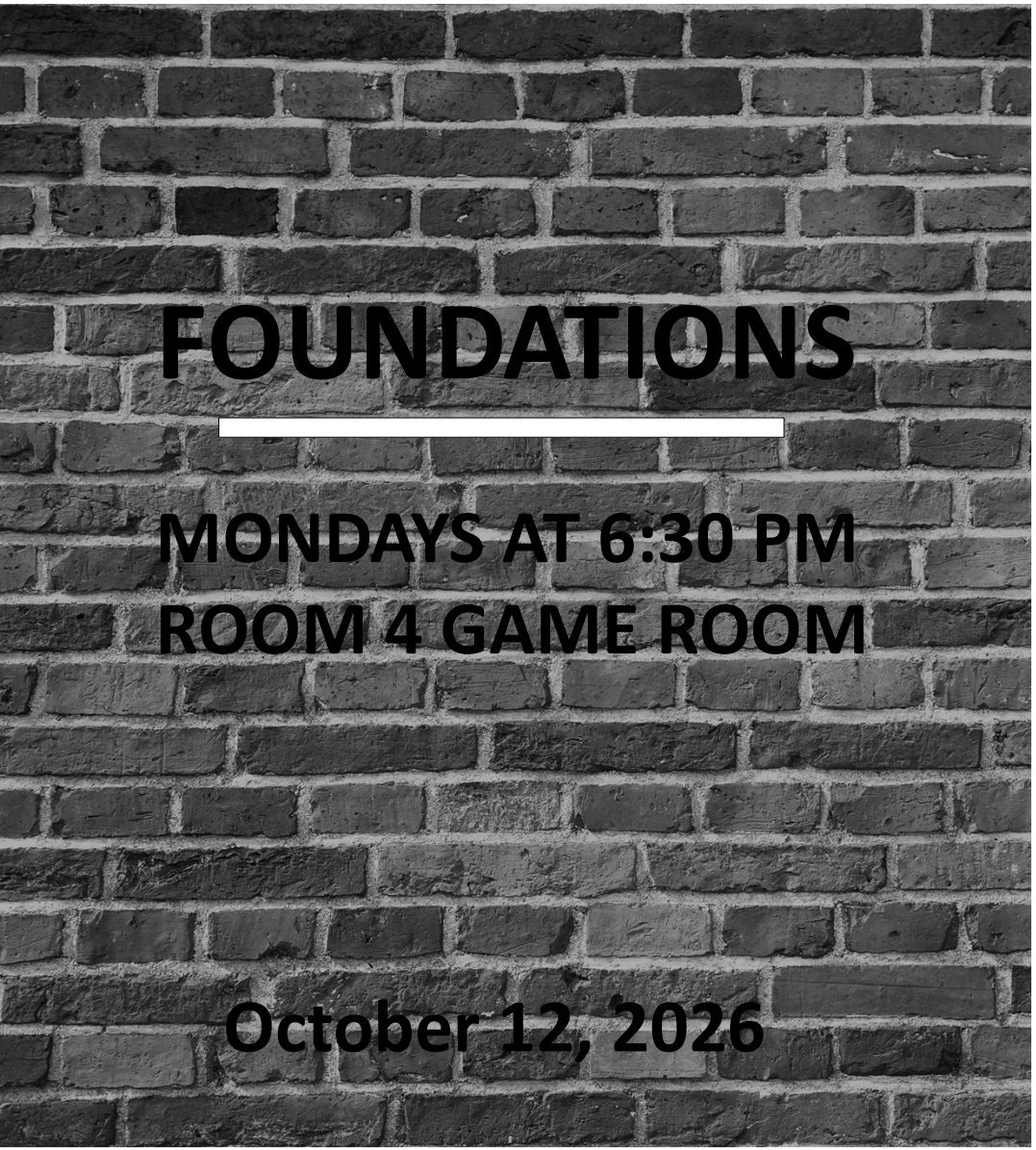

Session 5: Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Trinity?

Session Questions

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- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
- What is the Trinity?

Question Review

- Review answers from Participant Guide Session 5: Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Trinity?

Section 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

How does the Bible describe the Holy Spirit?

- Helper, One who comes along side
  - John 14:16
  - John 16:13
- Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ
  - Genesis 1:2
  - Romans 8:9

Review the Holy Spirit series for more information.

Section 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit an impersonal force or energy?

- Personal pronouns used to refer the Holy Spirit
  - John 14:17
  - John 16:13
- Personal characteristics used
  - He has a mind - Romans 8:27
  - He speaks - Revelation 2:7
- Has titles or works ascribed to a person
  - Helper or Counselor - John 14:16
  - The work of teaching – John 14:26

Section 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit God?

The Holy Spirit displays divine attributes

	God	Jesus	Holy Spirit
Eternal	Isaiah 57:15	Hebrews 13:8	Hebrews 9:14
All-knowing	1 John 3:20	John 16:30	John 14:26

The Holy Spirit displays divine actions

- Creator/Giver of life – Job 33:4
- Resurrects – Romans 8:11

Comparison Technique

- Psalm 95:7-11 and Hebrews 3:7-11
- Acts 5:3 and Acts 5:4

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit (Greek prepositions)

- With you or ‘para’
  - John 16:8
- In or ‘en’
  - Romans 8:9
- Upon or ‘epi’
  - Acts 1:8

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

1st ministry - with or 'para' (Part 1)

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11)

- Holy Spirit reveals the truth about **sin.**
  - World – "There many ways to God"
  - Truth – "Jesus is the only way to God" John 14:6

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

1st ministry - with or 'para' (Part 2)

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11)

- Holy Spirit reveals the truth about **righteousness.**
  - World – "My good works are enough for God"
  - Truth – Jesus is our righteousness – 2 Corinthians 5:21

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

1st ministry - with or 'para' (Part 3)

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11)

- Holy Spirit reveals the truth about **judgment.**
  - World – "There is no judgment"
  - Truth – There is a penalty for sin (Romans 6:23)

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit (Greek prepositions)

2nd ministry - In or 'en'

- The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide
  - Romans 8:9

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit includes:

- Conforming to the image of Christ – 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Helping with sanctification – 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Guarantee of inheritance – Ephesians 1:13-14

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit (Greek prepositions)

3rd ministry - Upon or 'epi'

- The Baptism (or filling) of the Holy Spirit is the empowering Spirit for service, subsequent to or simultaneously with the indwelling Spirit for salvation.
- "We believe that there is an experience of the empowering of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer that is distinct and separate from the indwelling of the Spirit that takes place at conversion." Chuck Smith

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit (Greek prepositions)

3rd ministry - Upon or 'epi'

- The Baptism (or filling) of the Holy Spirit is the empowering Spirit for service, subsequent to or simultaneously with the indwelling Spirit for salvation.
  - Acts 4:8
  - Acts 7:55-56

Luke 11:13 – "…how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

For more information, review the sermon: The Holy Spirit's Work Through Us.

Filling or Baptism of the Holy Spirit Occurrences

	Conversion	**Filling of the Holy Spirit**	**Special Manifestations**
Disciples (Apostles)	John 20:22	Acts 2:4 - filled Acts 4:31 – filled	Acts 2: 2-4 - Sound as of a rushing mighty wind, divided tongues as of fire, spoke in tongues
Samaritans	Acts 8:6; 14	Acts 8:17 - received	None
Saul (named changed to Paul)	Acts 9:5	Acts 9:17 - filled	Acts 9:18 - Sight restored
Cornelius and his family	Acts 10:44	Acts 10:44 – fell upon	Acts 10:46 - Spoke in tongues
Ephesian believers	Acts 19:5	Acts 19:6 – came upon	Acts 19:6 – spoke in tongues and prophesied

Section 2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

These are gifts from the Holy Spirit to build up the church.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4 - There are different gifts but the same Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 12:12 – Each gift is important for proper functioning of the church
- 1 Corinthians 12:25 – All gifts are to work together in unity

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:28	1 Corinthians 12:8-10	Ephesians 4:11	Romans 12:6-8
• Apostle • Prophet • Teacher • Miracles • Gifts of healings • Helps • Administration • Apostle • Prophet • Teacher • Miracles • Kinds of healings • Helps • Administration • Varieties of tongues	• Word of wisdom • Word of knowledge • Faith • Gifts of healings • Kinds of healings • Miracles • Prophesy • Discerning of spirits • Different kinds of tongues • Interpretation of tongues	• Apostle • Prophet • Evangelist • Pastor-Teacher	• Prophecy • Ministering or serving • Encouraging or exhorting • Giving or contributing • Leadership • Mercy

Section 3: What is the Trinity?

The Bible teaches that God is three Persons yet one God.

- There is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are each fully God with attributes that are unique to God only.

Section 3: What is the Trinity?

Three Statements about the Trinity

- God is three persons.
  - God the Father – Genesis 1:1
  - God the Son – Hebrews 1:3
  - God the Spirit – John 14:16
- Each person is fully God.
  - Matthew 28:19-20
  - Matthew 3:16-17
- There is one God.
  - Deuteronomy 6:4-5
  - 1 Timothy 2:5

Section 3: What is the Trinity?

The Bible teaches that God is three Persons yet one God.

- Although the word “Trinity” is not in the Bible, the Bible does teach the Trinity.
- Scripture evidence of the Trinity
  - Matthew 3:16-17
  - Matthew 28:19
  - 2 Corinthians 13:14
  - Genesis 1:26

Session Wrap Up Question

Based on the discussion, notes and your personal study, what have you learned from this session?

Reflections & Wrap Up

- The Holy Spirit is fully God just as Jesus is fully God
- The Holy Spirit has a 3-fold relationship with the believer (with, in, and upon)
- The Bible teaches that God is Three in One

Next session is **Monday, October 19 at 6:30 PM** in Room 4.

Questions for next session:

- **Session 6: What is the Bible?**

Thank you!