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GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

- How do the following Old Testament passages describe God in a Trinitarian way, even if the name(s) Father, Son, & Holy Spirit isn't used? *See Genesis 1:1-2, 3:22, 11:7; Exodus 3:13-14*; Deuteronomy 6:4, 22-27*; 1 Samuel 3:4-9, 16:13; Job 33:4; Psalms 2, 45, 104:30, 110, 139:7; Isaiah 6:3*, 8; Jeremiah 7:4; Ezekiel 39:29; Daniel 7:13-18; Zechariah 12:10, *hint count how many times God/God's name is referenced*
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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

- The creeds exist to set a description & example for teaching the Trinity, not "prove" it; how does that help your understanding of the creeds? How does it help you speak about your faith to others?
- Read the Small Catechism's teaching about the Apostles' Creed; how is God's trinity as Father, Son, & Holy Spirit & his unity as one God either A) superfluous or B) essential to salvation? *Hint: try dividing or removing the persons & see what happens to the whole truth. SC available <bookofconcord.org>*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

- God is eternally Jesus' Father while Jesus is eternally his Son; what allows you to call him fully your own father (not "daddy") throughout your life (not merely your childhood)? Is he the father of unbelief & unbelievers (in the same way)? (In any way?) *See Mark: 14:36; John 8:12-59, esp. v44; Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 3:22--4:7; Ephesians 2:1-22; SC: Lord's Prayer, Creed*
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KEY VERSE: ...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, & teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. (*vv19-20a*)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

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