

A large indoor event space, possibly a school cafeteria or gymnasium, with people standing around tables. In the foreground, there are many white bottles of Elmer's School Glue and several packs of glue sticks on a wooden table. The background shows other people and tables, with a basketball hoop visible in the distance.

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NORTHSORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT: Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER: Who has been your strangest or most annoying neighbor?

BACKGROUND

The “Trinity” is a term that is used to attempt to describe one God existing in three persons. The word “trinity” is not found in scripture, but the concept represented by that word does exist in both the Old and New Testaments. For example, In Isaiah 61:1, the Son is speaking while making reference to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus explained that He, Himself, is the fulfillment of that prophecy (Luke 4:14-19). He more clearly described the relationship and roles of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in John 14, the setting of which is given below.

Jesus’ public ministry came to a dramatic crescendo with events such as the raising of Lazarus, a very public triumphal procession into Jerusalem, and cleansing the temple of money-changers. He knew Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin were plotting to kill him and that *the hour had come for the Son of Man to be glorified* (John 12:23). He withdrew to spend His final hours alone with His closest disciples, during which time He washed the feet of the twelve, and introduced the New Covenant in His blood. After Judas Iscariot departed into the night to betray Him, Jesus explained the deep, comforting truths about His relationship with the Father and the Father’s love for those who love His Son. Jesus had their full attention when He made a troubling declaration; *Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later* (John 13:36b). He comforted His friends with two incredible promises, both of which are in force for believers today.

The first, is that He will one day return to take us to a place *in My Father’s house* (14:2) which He is preparing for us. The second promise is the *Spirit of truth . . . [who] dwells with you and will be in you* (14:17).

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?



KEY VERSE: John 14:16

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He will be with you forever.

READ: John 14:15-26



HEAD LEVEL: These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

1. Christian theology defines the Trinity as the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. Based on what Jesus said in John 14:15-26 how would you describe their relationship and individual purpose between the three?
2. In John 14:26 Jesus explained what the purpose of the Holy Spirit was for His disciples. What was it and how is it different for us today?
3. What were the two promises Jesus give us related to the Helper in John 14:16-17?

DEEPER DISCOVERY

In John 14:6 Jesus responds to Thomas's question regarding His statement that He would be leaving them shortly to prepare a place for them in His Father's House. Jesus makes three definitive claims that define or encapsulate the Gospel. What are they?

In addition, Jesus makes a dogmatic declaration regarding His Father. What was that and how do the scriptures of John 14:10, 20-21, 23 expand our understanding of that statement?



HEART LEVEL: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

1. What Assurance does Jesus make in John 14:23 that we can rely on today?
2. How was the peace Jesus was offering in John 14:27 different from worldly peace?
3. The Trinity is often described as three persons one God. How do you equate this with John 14:28 when Jesus states *the Father is greater than I*?



HANDS LEVEL: These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

1. Think of a time when you felt that God was absent in your life. How did you handle it?
2. Describe a time when you felt the ministrations of the Holy Spirit in your life.
3. How does Jesus expect you to express or demonstrate your love for Him today?



MEMORY VERSE: John 14:26

... the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name. He will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all that I have said to you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)