

Doxa Series
"God is One"
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Opening

-new series...Doxa, unlocking glorious living

-7 core Christian beliefs

- **God is one**
- **The Bible is true**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Mankind is helpless**
- **Jesus is life**
- **Eternity is real**
- **The Church is central**

-But we aren't going to spend huge amounts of time convincing you of these doctrines, these beliefs...this series is about challenging you to consider a very specific way these beliefs should be changing the way you live!

-(let's not reduce Christianity to religious intellectualism)

Introduction (Thank you Amy Kimble for your research & Shani/David/Justin)

-doxa: *glory, splendor, grandeur, power, kingdom, praise, honor... revealed presence of God, God himself...*

-root of doxa: *to think, suppose, believe, consider, imagine...*

-1 Peter 1:24-25a (beauty - splendor)

-John 12:43 (approval - honor)

-1Peter 1:7 (proof - revealed)

-So each week we are going to look at one of these 7 core Christian beliefs (re-read) and ask this question:

>How does my belief that _____ inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

>God's mission is to reconcile the world to Himself through Jesus...what's your ultimate mission in life?

>unlocking glorious living is about our lives pointing people to a living God who IS... (work through the definitions)

-(explain goal of this message, to inspire your own convo with the HS)

God is one (the Trinity mystery)

-(read from Bible Doctrines)

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit
- One in fellowship, purpose, and substance
- ALL 3 DIVINE (all powerful, all wise, all present)

-Genesis 1:26-28

-Jesus talks about the Father and the Spirit, the Father talks about Jesus and the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit speaks of Jesus and the Father.

>How is **MY BELIEF** that God is one inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to world around me?

I want to live for Him more fully!

-Find me one place in Scripture where it seems the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are jealous of one another, compete with one another, or are threatened by one another?

-Matthew 3:17 (what He didn't say...)

- "Look at what I have created...fully divine and human!"
- "Let's see someone else try to accomplish a virgin birth!"
- "All of this was my idea because I am so perfect!"
- NO...look at the love and attention He gives the Son!

-John 5:19 (what He didn't say...)

- "Well old man...it's my turn now!"
- "This was your first mistake...I've got an army now!"
- NO...look at the love and deference He gives to the Father!

-John 16:13-14 (what He didn't say...)

- "Nobody ever uses my name in vain!"
- "Why is it that I don't have my own audible voice?"
- "I'm the only one who is still here!"
- NO...look at how he serves, points people always to them!"

-How does my belief that God is one inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

I want to live for God more fully...just like how They live for one another!!!!!!

Questions I'm asking myself?

-(tell story of prophetic prayer at Uptick...I'm enough)

1. *Is there anything I am chasing right now as a pastor that is motivated by own success...trying prove I'm enough?*
2. *Is there anything I am afraid of pursuing because I feel like I'm not enough?*
3. *What voices (real or imagined) do I need to distance myself from that are amplifying the lie that I'm not enough?*

-The more time I spend trying to be enough, the more I neglect the most glorious life imaginable...pointing the world around me to the glorious God who is at work reconciling people to Himself through Jesus! (talk about the trap...I will NEVER be enough...that's the Gospel!!!!)

Close/To Do

How does my belief that God is one inspire me to pursue a life that reveals God's glory to the world around me?

Holy Spirit, reveal to me something in the Trinity that exposes something broken in me.

In light of that revelation, what are some questions you should be asking yourself that can lead to change?

You know what else the belief that God is one tells me...He is good and I'm not...(present the Gospel)