

Things to consider from Sunday's message for meditation, conversation and fellowship:

1. The nametag God wears in Genesis chapter 1 says: *Elohim*. (*The name is used 32 times in the first chapter of the Bible.*)

The name refers to: *the creative, governing power of omnipotence and sovereignty.*

The uniqueness of the name is that it is a plural noun which is used with singular verbs.

The uniqueness of the name (*plural noun*); the conversation God has with Himself (*let us make man in our image*); and the singular activity of God expressed in Genesis chapter 1 (*speaking, creating*), reveals to us that God is a plurality Who acts singularly. God is a plurality in unity. God is God alone, but He is not God all-alone. He is a personal God who is and has been in delightful fellowship forever.

- a. How does this truth impact your view of God?
 - b. While a plurality-in-unity is a “mystery,” humanity has been made in God’s image. How is humanity a unique plurality-in-unity?
2. Because people have been made in God’s image – *Life matters!*

Because people have been made in God’s image as male and female – *Gender matters!*

Because males and females united in marriage become a unique God designed plurality-in-unity and because marriage uniquely illustrates the relationship that exist between God and His people (*Jesus and the Church*) – *Marriage matters!*

Life matters; Gender matters; Marriage matters – because God is a plurality-in-unity and humanity has been made in His image.

- a. How does knowing God to be Trinity help you understand yourself?
- b. How does knowing God to be Trinity influence your views on gender, and on marriage?

(*Think of the converse: If God were a non-personal, non-relational, singular Deity – how would that influence your views on God, yourself, gender and marriage?*)

3. AW Tozer said: “*What you think about God is the most important thing about you.*”
 - a. Would you agree with Tozer?
 - b. Why, or why not?
4. Jesus said: *And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.* [John 17:3]
 - a. Do you know the only true God?
 - b. How does the invitation of being brought into the fellowship that God has enjoyed eternally influence your view of salvation and eternal life?

Our gospel is ***the good news of the glory of the happy God!*** Our Triune God is beautiful.