

A Brief Update

We realise it has only been a couple of weeks since you last heard from us but we wanted to update you on a few exciting developments.

Firstly, the photo above is what a church plant looks like. Trinity Church in Prestwich constituted on Thursday 28th May with three founding members: Pete, Malc and Caeb, 25 adult members and 10 children. This photo is of the church's first members meeting. It's really exciting to think back to only 6 years ago when City Church was launching with 27 adult members and 5 children. How exciting to be sending even more people to be members of our first direct church plant! Please be praying for Trinity Church as they seek to put down roots in the community and reach North Manchester with the gospel in these difficult times.

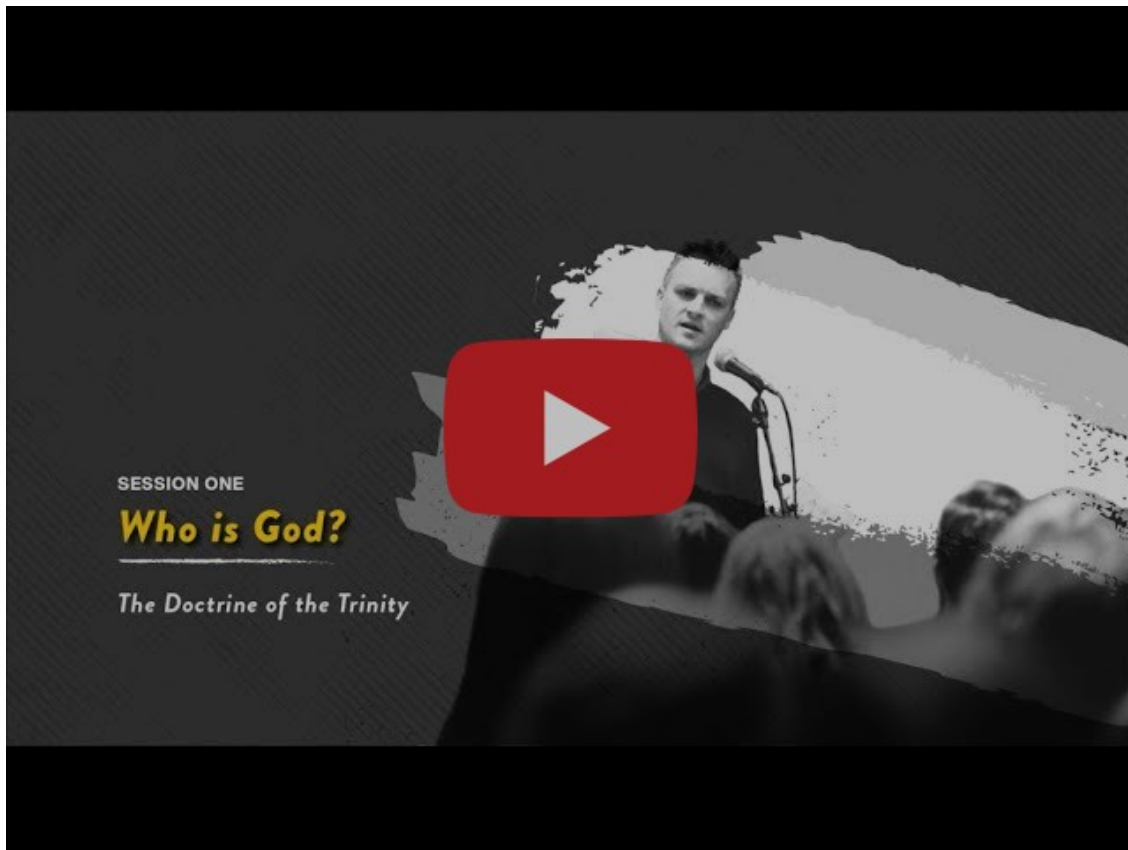
In our May newsletter, we mentioned that we were launching Christianity Explored

on Tuesday 2nd June. At the time we had 10 people signed up. Last Tuesday, we were joined by 47 people (including 9 group facilitators), which was an incredible answer to prayer. Even more exciting was the spiritual interest participants were showing. One of the questions that is asked in the first session of Christianity Explored is "Is there anything that intrigues you about Jesus?" I normally expect people to respond with something about the implausability of Jesus doing the miracles recorded in Mark's Gospel. But for two members of my group, it was the opposite question: "How can someone who does all those *only* be a man?" I'm so excited to see where God leads these seekers over the course of the seven-week course. Please be in prayer for them and for the group facilitators.

Finally, I wanted to let you know about a resource we are making available for free online throughout the summer. We have recorded Year 1 of Smokehouse - our emerging leader training course. Year 1 is a 12 session Introduction to Christian Doctrine which would be of benefit to anyone looking to grow in their knowledge, delight and love of God. Please make use of it and feel free to use it in your churches if it would be helpful during this time. The sessions will be released weekly at 7pm on Fridays on the City Church Facebook page and I will also host monthly Q & A sessions on Zoom for anyone who is following the course.

Thanks you for your prayers, encouragement and continuing support. It is so precious to us to have prayer partners around the world who stand with us.

"Now to him who is able to do immesaurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."



The first session of Smokehouse: Who is God? The Doctrine of the Trinity

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