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# THE THREE IN ONE – PART 2

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The Ologies Lesson 6



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### MAIN POINT:

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### MESSAGE NOTES:<sup>1</sup>

Listen to or view message #6 in *The Ologies*, “The Three in One – Part 2,” at [psconline.com](http://psconline.com). You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

#### *Thought Questions:*

1. How are humans uniquely suited to become one flesh?
2. To what profound mystery does the marital union point?
3. How is our flesh the same as Christ’s flesh?
4. How can we be filled to the fullness of God?

#### *Next Steps:*

1. Name an ideological, social, cultural, national, or racial divide that Christ has made insignificant?
2. How will you unite in a practical way with your spiritual family on the other side of that divide?

#### *Obedience Challenge: The Two Shall Become One*

Read about the challenges facing the Marshallese community in our area and pray about how God might want you to reach out to them as members of the Body of Christ.

1. [Arkansas Online: Leaving the Marshall Islands](#)
2. [Arkansas a Draw for Marshall Islanders - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
3. [The Marshall Islands, once a U.S. nuclear test site, face oblivion again | The Washington Post](#)
4. [Marshall Islands Migrants Face Health Challenges in Arkansas | Healthiest Communities | US News](#)
5. [Marshallese in Arkansas: from the Islands to the Ozarks | Only In Arkansas](#)

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<sup>1</sup> You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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## DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about God, the Three in One, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Genesis 18
- Tuesday – Judges 6
- Wednesday – Psalm 82
- Thursday – Psalm 133
- Friday – John 16
- Saturday – Colossians 1

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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## INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

### Primer Exercise:

#### *For Children*

Have your kids attempt to work “as one.” Say, “*In the Bible, God made a husband and wife to become one flesh. When Jesus came, the Bible says that his followers become one flesh with him. To think about what that means, let’s see what it’s like to work as one.*”<sup>2</sup>

- Have two kids stand side by side (if you don’t have even numbers of children, you’ll have to participate) and gently tie together their adjacent legs and arms.
- Set up a list of tasks for them to accomplish such as making a sandwich or folding laundry. You might also add some fun things like mold a dog out of Playdough or building a pillow fort.
- After they finish their tasks, leave them tied together and debrief by asking:
  - Do you want me to disconnect you?
  - What do you think it would be like to stay like this?
  - Why is working as one in this way harder than just working separately?
  - Why would God want people to become one flesh if it’s so much harder?
  - How could God become one flesh with us?

#### *Everyone Else*

What the Christian classic, [A Man Called Norman | An Inspiring & Encouraging Family Christian Film - YouTube](#)

- Why did the Christians in Mike Adams’ town ignore Norman?
- What was the cost of befriending Norman?
- Why do you think the filming is shot from Norman’s perspective?
- What did Mike learn from Norman?
- What does this story say about the mystery of “one flesh.”

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<sup>2</sup> This might be an opportunity to have a rudimentary first conversation about “the birds and the bees” depending on readiness and your parenting style.

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

## Session One: “The Abandoned God”

- Read Psalm 22
- Ask:
  - What kind of circumstances do you think the Psalmist was facing when he wrote this psalm?
  - What parts of this psalm point to the suffering of Jesus?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-5:9; 7:26-28
  - How could God become a high priest?
  - Why could only God do the job?
- Application and Prayer
  - How should the thought of Jesus as our high priest affect the way we pray?

## Session Two: “Among the Gods”

- Read Psalm 82
  - To whom is this psalm addressed?
- Read John 10:22-39
  - What does this passage suggest that the Jews believed about God?
  - How did Jesus prove them wrong?
- Application and Prayer
  - How is easier to believe in God as the Jews understood him?
  - What responsibilities come with Jesus’ high view of humankind?

## Session Three: “Come Together”

- Read Psalm 50
- Ask: Does God want people to sacrifice to him or not?
- Read Matthew 25:34-40:
  - How did Jesus fulfill Psalm 50?
  - What does this passage say about the mystery of one flesh?
- Application and Prayer
  - How can you show mercy to Jesus through one of his people?
  - What can you pray for them?

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## LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

### Scripture Discussion

- Read Romans 12:1-13
  - How do we offer our bodies a living sacrifice to God?

### Sing

## A Common Love

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*Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. - 1 Jn. 2:9-10*

1.- 4. A com - mon love for each oth - er, a com - mon gift to the  
2. When I look up to the heav - ens And I see the rain - bow's  
3. When I look back to the gar - den And I see the Sav - ior

Sav - ior, a com - mon bond hold - ing us to the Lord;  
beau - ty And the stars shin - ing bright - ly in the sky;  
pray - ing, For a bond that would make His peo - ple strong;

A com - mon strength when we're wea - ry, a com - mon hope for to -  
I see a joy nev - er end - ing And a love ev - er -  
I know that God heard His pray - ing And he ans - wered at

mor - row, a com - mon joy in the truth of God's Word.  
last - ing We can live ev - 'ry - day in God's true light.  
Cal - v'ry, Je - sus died so that we could sing this song.

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## How Beautiful

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Matthew 26:26-29

1. How beau - ti - ful the hands that served the wine and the  
 2. How beau - ti - ful the ra - diant bride who waits for her  
 3. How beau - ti - ful the feet that bring the sound of good

bread and the sons of the earth. How beau - ti - ful the  
 groom with his light in her King. How beau - ti - ful the  
 and the love of the earth. How beau - ti - ful the

feet hum - ble hearts that walked the long dust - y roads and the hill to the  
 hands that serve the fruit of the wine and the pure lives so that oth - ers may

*cross.* How beau - ti - ful, How beau - ti - ful, How  
*live.* earth. *Fine*

beau - ti - ful is the bod - y of Christ. Christ.  
 1. *to vr. 2*  
 2. on to Bridge

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## How Beautiful

*Bridge*  
 And as He laid down His life, we of - fer this sac - ri - fice,

that we might live just as He died, Will - ing to

pay the price, will - ing to pay the price.  
*D.C.: vr 3 ad Fine*

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## Pray

- Read the following adaptation of Ephesians 3:14-21 in unison:

*Our Father, we pray that out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ might dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and established in love, will have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we will be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

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

Segue into a time of group prayer. The group leader or someone they appoint can close the time when they feel so led.

## Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #6 in *The Ologies*, “The Three in One – Part 2” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don't require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other's **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.