

# GROUNDING

Sunday, January 16, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 1 | **Grounded in God**

Isaiah 40:9-31

**BEHOLD** your God!

his strong arm Isaiah 40:10-11



### EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 1. God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

*In the beginning, **GOD**...*

Genesis 1:1

**He is...**

**ONE** God...

Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29

a loving unity of **THREE** equally divine persons...

1 Cor. 8:6; Heb. 1:3; Jn. 1:1; Acts 5:3-4; Gen. 1:1-2, 26-27; Mat. 3:16-17; 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; Jude 20-21

**CREATOR** of all things...

Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 33:6; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 139:13

**HOLY**...

Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3; Isaiah 57:14

infinitely **PERFECT**...

Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:30; 50:2; 90:2; 145:3; Matthew 5:48; James 1:17

**ETERNALLY** existing...

Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:12-13; Genesis 1:1; John 1:1

**LIMITLESS** in knowledge and sovereign power...

Psalm 139:1-6; 147:5; Isaiah 46:10; John 21:17; Jeremiah 32:17; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 3:20; Revelation 1:8

making all things new for **HIS OWN** glory...

1 Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:11; 3:10-11; 2 Timothy 1:9; Acts 3:21; Romans 8:19; Revelation 21:5; Psalm 19:1-2; Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11

The basic tenants of the doctrine of the Trinity can be summed up as follows:

- 1) **God is three persons.**  
(God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)
- 2) **Each person is fully God.**
- 3) **There is one God.**

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.  
*What is a weird fact that you know? — Fun fact: A good Life Group will all pull out their phones to lovingly fact check these "facts"... :)*

## Review...

1. **Read Article 1 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**
2. **Read Isaiah 40:9-31.** What strikes you about God in this passage?

**Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Thinking Deeper

*As you discuss these questions, write down your own questions! Also, utilize the Scriptures cited in the Message Notes.*

3. What does it mean that God is the Creator of all things? What does this affirm? What does it deny?
4. God is "holy." What does it mean that God is holy? How is he unique in his holiness? What are some implications towards his creation and creatures of his holiness?
5. God is also "infinitely perfect" in all his attributes and in all his ways. This means that he never has and never will lack anything. It also means that he does not grow or change for he is unchangeable. What does this mean for God? What about for us?

6. This "one God" is "eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." The Trinity is the one doctrine that distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. Can you think of some biblical texts that validate the doctrine of the Trinity? What is the significance of the Trinity in creation? What about redemption? How does this belief in the Trinity differ from one Islam, one of the growing religions of the world today?
7. God has "limitless knowledge and sovereign power." This means God is all-knowing (omniscient) and all-powerful (omnipotent). How does this truth about God's person and attributes differ from the position of open theism, which believes God has limited what He knows?
8. "God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself." God created with a purpose and He redeems for a purpose. We are redeemed "for Himself." What does this mean, and what are the implications for our lives? What is the importance of the reference to a corporate people? How does this view of God's purpose in redemption differ from many in evangelicalism?
9. God will "make all things new for His own glory." God's work in creation and redemption is for His own renown. What does God's glory mean? Why is it right that He would only do things for His glory, whereas for us it would be so wrong? This puts God and His work at the center of everything, and anything that would displace Him would be a chief act of treason. As you examine your life, is it about God in all His fullness, or is it about you?

## Closing

*Spend some time praying for everyone in your group by name as you close.*

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## Word Find in the Word

*Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.*

### Word Find for Isaiah 40:9-11 (NLT)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

<sup>9</sup>O **Zion**, messenger of **good news**, **shout** from the **mountaintops!** **Shout** it **louder**, O **Jerusalem**. **Shout**, and do not be **afraid**. **Tell** the **towns** of **Judah**, "Your God is **coming!**" <sup>10</sup>Yes, the **Sovereign LORD** is **coming** in **power**. He will **rule** with a **powerful** arm. See, he **brings** his **reward** with him as he **comes**.  
<sup>11</sup>He will **feed** his **flock** like a **shepherd**. He will **carry** the **lambs** in his arms, **holding** them **close** to his **heart**. He will **gently** lead the **mother sheep** with their **young**.