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"Creation" January 13, 2019 - Mark Swayze

GATHER (choose one Gather question to share as everyone settles in to the group time)

- On a scale from 1 to 4, how has your week been?
- Where have you seen God this week?
- What is one joy you want to share with the group this week?

PLANT

Use the following statement to discuss the questions below:

The story of creation is not the tale of a lonely deity looking for companionship. God wasn't reading the personal ads when he crafted the galaxies. The Creator did not make the universe because he needed some interesting people to hang out with.

• Do you think that it is still common for people to picture God as a solitary old man in the sky? What is wrong with this perspective and how does this explanation of the Trinity change the discussion?

GROW/HARVEST

 Read Genesis 2:18–25 together and respond to the statement below: From the very beginning, God looks on loneliness and gives his honest opinion: it is not good. To the go-it-alone existence that we sometimes admire in America, God all but shouts: You don't belong here! Not here! Not now! Not good! And he says this, I think, because as human beings we were not only created from community (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we were created for community. We were created to do life together.

Do you think our culture looks highly upon individuals who go it alone?

Recall the story of the man who lost his wife. Comment on a time in your own life when it sunk in for you that it is not good to be alone.

PRAYERS

• Share prayer requests around the group and then either the leader or a volunteer can pray for the group. You may want to jot down those requests so you can remember to follow up next week.