

Session 1: Jesus' Mission:

This session has been an overview about Jesus' mission – a very specific mission that has resulted in God's kingdom coming on earth.

Some key points from this session you may wish to reflect on:

- Take some time to reflect on the grand missional story of the **whole of the Bible**. It's a coherent story of God's love and longing for us to return to Him, His consistent pursuit of us, He wants us to know Him, share life with Him and invites us to join with Him – Father, Son and Spirit in the 'Dance of the Trinity'.

- God was described by the early Church Fathers as a Triune Dance –

Perichoresis.

For many this seems to be a description, a picture that we seem to have lost. **Perichoresis**



Reflect on how you 'see' God....how you perceive Him. Is there a picture, a metaphor you would use to describe God 3 in 1?

How we view God is important because how we 'see' Him, relate to Him impacts every part of our life before Him.

- Take time to reflect on Jesus' mission – unique and complete.

Jesus announced / brought God's kingdom on earth. He now invites all to come under His kingdom authority and live as Kingdom people.

There is significant mystery about the Kingdom of God. It's a kingdom that is not yet, but also here now – in us, around us and we are to pray for it to come.

This kingdom is unlike any other – it offers us a different perspective on life, a different way of living and working, this kingdom even has its own kingdom economy. It is so different to the ways and patterns of the world around us,

As we live in this kingdom there needs to be **a radical reordering and realigning of our lives**, our attitudes, our perspectives - not just a tweaking, a changing of a few things here and there. The kingdom that Jesus brought challenges us to the core, challenges our motivations, which in turn impacts how we live, work, and relate to others.

'Before we can pray your kingdom come we must be willing to pray my kingdom go!'

- Where do you see God's kingdom at work in your life?
- Are there areas where you tend to manage things your way, on your own terms?
- In what areas do you need to pray 'my Kingdom go – your kingdom come'?