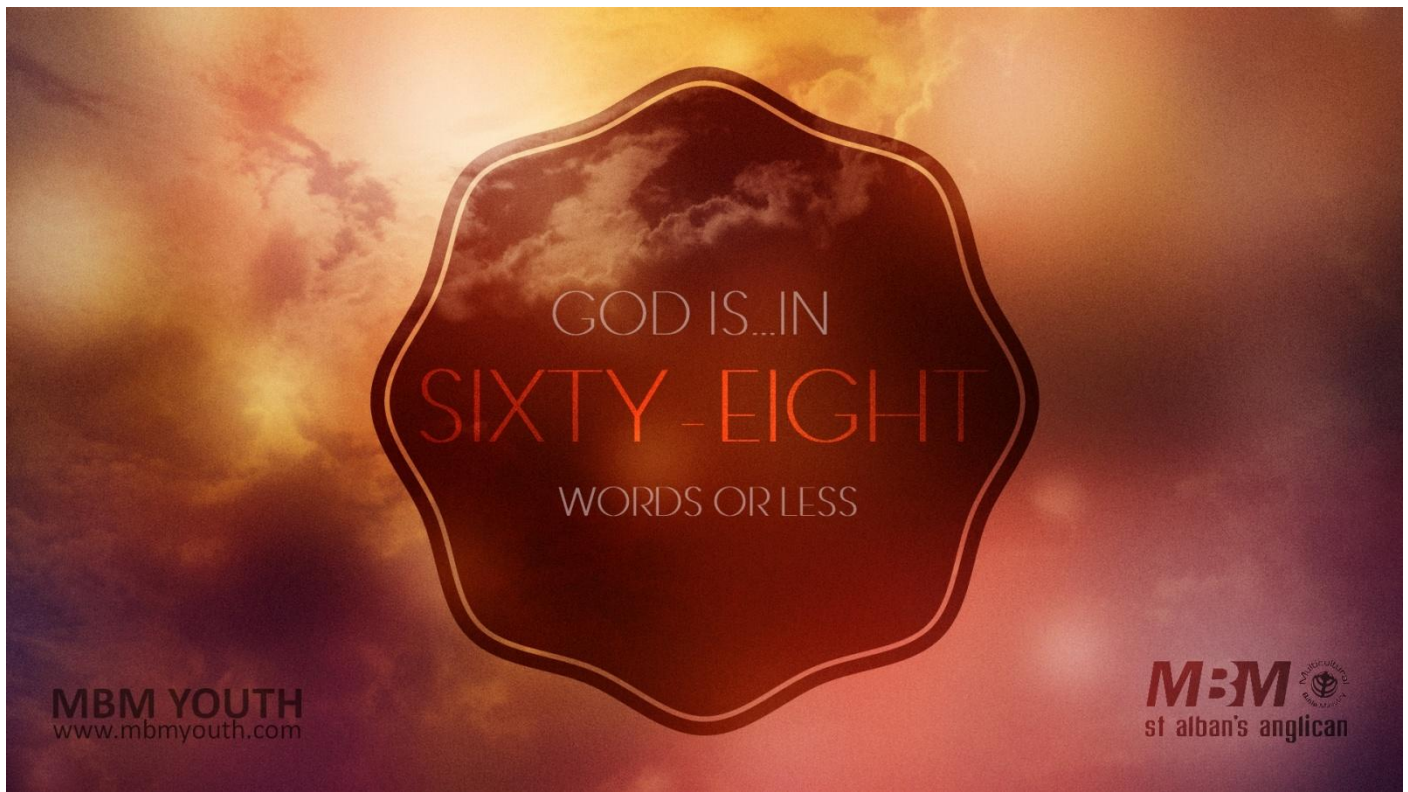


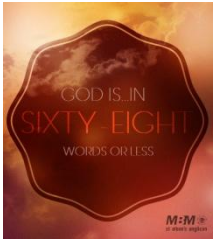
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# GOD IS...

1. What does 1+1+1 equal? Does 1 + 1 + 1 ever equal 1?

## **Read Matthew 3:15-16**

2. Which persons of the trinity are present at the baptism of Jesus? Are they the same or distinct? What role does each play?
  
3. What do the following verses tell us about the “God-ness” of the three persons of the trinity?

**God the Father** (Gen 1:1, Deut 6:4, Isaiah 45:18)

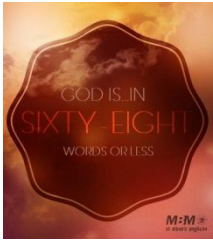
**Jesus** (Gen 1:26, Mk 2:1-11, Jn 1:1, 20:28-31, Acts 7:59, Rom 9:5, 10:9-13)

**Holy Spirit** (Gen 1:2, Matt 28:19, Acts 5:3-4, 1 Cor 3:6)

4. How have God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit all played a part in your salvation? (2 Thess 3:13-14, 1 Pet 1:2)
  
5. Could the statement “God is love” (1 John 4:8) be true if God has not existed for all eternity in perfect relationship with the Son & the Spirit?
  
6. Can you not believe in the trinity and still be a Christian? Why/why not? What else do we lose if we let go of the trinity?
  
7. How is this doctrine relevant & practical?
  
8. God eternally exists in authentic community (Father, Son & Holy Spirit). How should the church be a reflection of this authentic community? What can you do to make our community (church, youth, bible study) more real, genuine & authentic?

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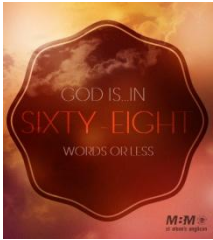


# GOD IS CREATOR...

Read **Genesis 1:26-31**

1. What do you think it means to be human? What other views have you heard in society?
2. Here we are introduced to the creator. What are some initial thoughts and observations you make by looking at how and what he created?
3. How does day 6 break the pattern from the first 5 days? What do we see about the creation?
4. What jobs are given to men & women? How does this show we are like God?
5. Read Gen 1:24-2:3. What is God's purpose for humanity? Does any other creation have this role or significance?
6. What does it mean to be made in the image of God (1:26, 27)





# GOD IS JUDGE...

1. What do you think people mean when they get tattoos 'Only God can judge me'? Is the statement right?

## Read **Romans 3:23**

2. Who has sinned? What are we falling short of? Is Christianity over stepping the line when they claim everyone is a sinner? Are people generally good? Discuss.

## Read **Romans 2:1-16**

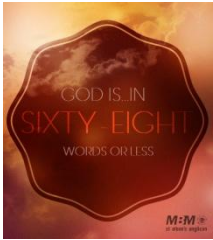
3. Who is our judge? Why does God have the right to judge?
4. Is His Judgement fair? If you were allowed to judge, would you judge differently? How?
5. What does it mean that 'God does not show favouritism' (v.11)?
6. Can you escape judgement under the law? What about those who do not know the law?

## Read **Revelation 20:11-15**

7. Why are people against the idea of Hell?
  
8. Do we deserve eternal punishment for our sins, or should it only be for a certain amount of time? Why?
  
9. If God allowed sinners into heaven and/or hell wasn't eternal, what would that mean for his character as God? Would you want to follow a God like that?
  
10. How would you go if you were judged today 'according to what you had done'? If God is a righteous judge, who will judge us 'according to what we have done', what hope is there for us outside of Jesus?
  
11. When we attempt to lessen the severity of our sin, what does this say about the glory of God?

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# GOD IS WITH US...

1. When are the times that God feels most distant to you? Is he distant?
2. The teaching of the trinity and the incarnation are both links on the same chain. Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?

## Read John 1:14

3. Who is the 'Word' (clue: 1:1-2)? What 2 things happened to Jesus in this verse?
4. How do you reconcile the 2 statements 'the word was God' (1:1) and 'the word became flesh' (1:14)
5. How does Exodus 40:34-35 help us understand John 1:14? Why is this link so important?
6. How was the incarnation (God becoming flesh) prophesied and fulfilled? (Matt 1:22-23). What does the title "Immanuel" tell us about Jesus?

## **Read Philippians 2:5-8, Col 1:19, 2:9**

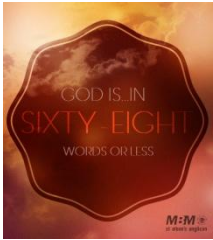
7. What do we learn of Jesus human-ness & God-ness from these verses?
8. What are the implications for our salvation if Jesus is not fully God and at the same time fully man? (Heb 2:14-17)

## **Read Hebrews 2:18, 4:14-16**

9. Jesus knows what it's like to be you! How does this encourage you as you face temptations? What temptations are you currently facing that Jesus and your bible study group can help you with?

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# GOD IS SAVIOUR...

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you needed rescuing? Share.

## **Read Romans 5:8-10 & Ephesians 2:8-9**

2. What are we saved *from* and *for*?

3. How are we saved according to these verses?

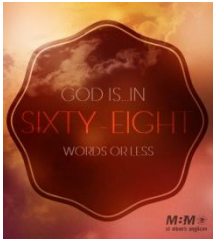
## **Read Romans 3:22-25**

4. What three words are used in these verses to describe the work of Jesus?  
What does each mean?

## **Read Leviticus 4:32-35**

5. What is the Old Testament background to the death of Jesus?





# GOD IS RISEN...

1. What things about your future affect your present (e.g. job + school)

Read **John 11:25-26**

2. How is Jesus view of life & death different to what most people think?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:14, Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 1:3**

3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to our faith? Are we still saved if Jesus bones are buried somewhere in Israel?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

4. What does it mean that Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection? What assurance does it bring?

5. What will our eternal future look like (1 Cor 15:35-44, Phil 4:20-21)? Is this something you look forward to? How can we keep our focus of things above and not be distracted by the world (Col 3:2)?
  
6. What are the different views of what happens when we die? How is Christianity unique? How does the Christian teaching of resurrection and eternal life offer great hope in the midst of these views?
  
7. How does the future (resurrection) change the present for you?

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## Read Romans 12:1-2 and Colossians 3:10

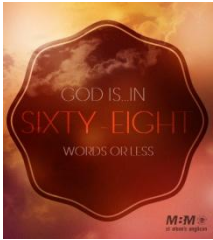
5. How does this transformation take place? How are our minds transformed? What transformation needs to occur in your thinking?

## Read Phil 2:12-13.

6. In our transformation:
  - a. What part does God play?
  
  
  - b. What part do we play?
  
7. How has God be transforming you lately? What's something you know God is pressing on you that you need to surrender to his lordship and the work of the Holy Spirit?

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# GOD IS RULER...

1. What are the different theories of what happens when we die?

## **Read Revelation 21**

2. What is your picture/understanding of heaven? How does Revelation 21 speak of heaven?
3. Who will face judgement before the throne of God? (Heb 9:27, 2 Cor 5:10)? What does that mean for us?
4. Are heaven & hell real? (2 Thess 1:8-9, Luke 16:19-31, John 14:1-3, 2 Cor 5:1-5, 1 Peter 1:3-4)



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