



## Introduction

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry he came out to the desert to be baptized by John. In this passage we see the three persons of the Trinity together. Perhaps one of the most beautiful displays of God's love for and delight in his son, came when he spoke, "you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## Observation/Interpretation

- When Jesus started his public ministry he went to John to be baptized in the Jordan river. Why do you think Jesus did this? What was the significance in Jesus being baptized?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit was identified as a dove? Is there any significance of a dove?
- Why do you think God made a public declaration of His love and delight for Jesus?

## Application

When God said, "you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.", this was a public display of God's affection and love for Jesus. The whole of the gospel could be summed up in this point: that when the living God looks at every believing Christian, he says to us what he said to Jesus on that day. He sees us not as we see ourselves but as we are in Jesus. It almost seems unbelievable that God would feel as much love for us as that...yet it's true! In light of this good news (gospel) what would your life look like if you lived **fully convinced** that God loves you like this?

## Memory Verse

Mark 1:11 A voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

### Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

### Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

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These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.