



Introducing Our Faith
The Living God

Week 8
Reflections on God



Overview of this week

- ❖ Returning to the Portraits of God
- ❖ How unique is our understanding of God?
- ❖ The Most-Moved Mover
- ❖ The fullness of God



Returning to Portraits of the Triune God

- ❖ There are eight portraits of God in scripture.
 - Creator, King, Personal Revealer, Priest, Judge, Father, Redeemer, and Shepherd
- ❖ These are all needed to grasp God's true fullness.
 - Overemphasizing one or two diminishes our understanding of God and can lead us to bad places!
- ❖ All these portraits – or roles – are drawn for the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.
- ❖ All these portraits illuminate our understanding of Christian beliefs.

These portraits underlie the uniqueness of Christianity



The Most-Moved Mover (Clark Pinnock)

- ❖ Overcoming a pagan inheritance
- ❖ God is inherently relational
 - God's passion is to be love and be loved (Kierkegaard)
- ❖ God risks; he is vulnerable
- ❖ God works within time – he remembers the past, interacts with the present, and anticipates the future
 - Only a partly settled future
- ❖ What does this view of God give up?



The Fullness of God



