

GOD SAVES SINNERS

JOHN 3:16

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — JULY 17, 2022

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:16 ESV

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

SERMON RECAP

Three Life-Changing Truths of the Gospel

- The God over everything loves each one of us. (Isa 40:21-28)
- God gave us the greatest gift of all, His Son.
- Eternal life is available to anyone who believes in Jesus.

Applying The Gospel To Our Lives

- For the nonbeliever or the ‘surface’ believer: Believe “into” Jesus!
- For the believer whose life has truly changed because you believe into Jesus:
 - Live in the freedom of being fully known and fully loved by God.
 - Grow as a child of God due to His love toward you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does the passage say?

1. Read John 3:16 aloud as a group and take some time to let group members share observations about the passage. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you have read quite yet. Simply share what you all observe.
 - What do you hear in John’s gospel declaration in this verse?
 - What are the three phrases of this passage?
 - What do you notice, in this passage, that you never noticed before?
 - How would you explain or summarize this passage in your own words?

What does the passage mean?

1. What is the message of the gospel? (1 Cor 15:1-4)
 - What is the nature of gospel belief? (John 3:14)
 - How is salvation achieved and what are the results of gospel belief? See Rom 10:9, John 3:7-8, Eph 1:3-14.
2. What is eternal life?
 - In contrast, what does it mean to perish?
 - Does perishing merely mean that you cease to exist – what does the Bible say about eternity for those who are not in Christ? See Rev 20:15, 2 Thes 1:9, Matt 8:12.
3. What does it mean that God is great? (Isa 40:21-28)
4. What’s the difference between those with God and those without God?
5. What two options are available to respond to the good news of the gospel?

- What does each choice mean?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. A believer is someone who has been transformed by God. For the Christian, everything changes. See 2 Cor 5:17. Are you a surface believer, or has Jesus gripped you to the depths of your soul?
2. How does your life demonstrate that Jesus means everything to you and that you are in Christ? (Gal 2:20)
3. What makes you think that you are a Christian? How does your life illustrate that you are saved?
 - How are you living like Christ is your greatest treasure (rather than just trying to avoid hell or simply gain heaven)? (Matt 13:44)
 - How does God's love for you drive the way that you live your life?
4. Why is God's love for you 'shocking'?
 - How does God "so love you?"
 - What is the intensity of God's love for you?
 - What type of love does God have for you?
5. How is Jesus the greatest gift that you could ever receive?
 - What do you love most about the person of Jesus Himself?
 - Does God overlook our wrongs, or does He do something deeper for us - What does He do?
6. How can you live in the freedom of being fully known and fully loved by God?

LEADER NOTES

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