

Week of March 11, 2018

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

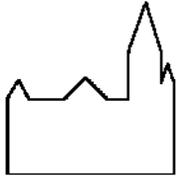
¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Describe a time your parents made an important promise to you.
- B. Which works better to motivate you, a promise or a threat?

Bible Study Questions:

1. What does John 3:16 mean to you? Would this be the central verse that you would point a non-Christian or unchurched person to read?
2. How do you read verse 18?
3. Much of the passage hinges on the word "believe." What does it mean for someone to "believe" in Jesus? Is this mere propositional belief? Is there a word that works better for you than "believe"?
4. In verse 20 it says that "all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed." What is the light? Do you allow the light to shine on your life?
5. How receptive are you to well-meaning criticism? What have you learned about yourself that was meaningful and was delivered as criticism?
6. If you asked God to tell you one thing to change about your life this week, what do you think it might be? How would you feel about making the change?
7. In what area of your life do you think is furthest from what God would want for you: Your spiritual life? Your schedule? Your finances? Your relationships? Forgiveness? Envy?
8. What is the most important promise of God to you? How does that promise sustain you?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways in which each person can focus on the promises of God.