John 3:16 - The Numbers of Hope

“Whoever Believes”

John 6:25-27

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Introduction:

A. To _______ is this great gift of God offered?
   1. How does a person _______ the gift of God’s Son?
   2. The answers to those two questions are found in two important _______ from John 3:16 - ________ ________.

I. WHOEVER

A. The word “whoever” makes it clear that God’s invitation is for ________.
   1. This is not the first time Jesus has employed the word whoever. (Mt. 10:32,39; Mk. 3:35; 16:16; Jn. 3:36; 4:14; Rv. 22:17)

B. God’s “whoever” policy also means __________.
   1. Jesus told the story of the _______ _______ and ________.

C. God’s “whoever” policy also means __________.
   1. Consider the example of the _____ on the ________.

D. God’s “whoever” policy also means __________.
   1. Jesus told the story of the ________ son.

II. BELIEVES

A. We must not just believe anything, we must believe in _______.
   1. Jesus is the only _____ to _______. (Jn. 6:28-29; 1:12; 14:6)
   2. Whoever believes must mean more than just believing he _______. (Jm. 2:19, 26)

B. Look at the two verses just before John 3:16.
   1. Jesus reminded Nicodemus about the story of God sending _______ _______ to punish the Israelites. (Num. 21)
   2. All the snake-bitten people had to do to be healed was to look at the bronze _______ on the ________.

C. Another good example is the story of the man named ________.
   1. He had ________, and had to dip in the Jordan ________ times.

Conclusion:

A. Belief must demonstrate itself in ________ action.

B. Two good illustrations of real faith:
   1. Man hanging from a ________ on the side of a ________.
   2. Blondin walking a tightrope across _______ ________.