



ADVENT - LOVE - John 3:16-21

COMMUNITY GROUPS | Week of December 5th, 2021

Question 1 // Read **John 3:16-21**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // If you could identify the most notable bible verse in our culture today, **John 3:16** likely would be it. However, Bill discussed how this passage is frequently taken out of context and sometimes chastised because it implies only one way to obtain eternal life. **Discuss how this well-known passage can be misunderstood (universalism). In what way would you explain to a non-believing friend or coworker that Jesus is the only means for salvation while using this verse as a foundation.**

Question 3 // As we take time to reflect on Christ's arrival into the world this Christmas season, we must also take time to remember His mission. Pastor John MacArthur says, "The shadow of the cross looms over the manger, when you understand that, you understand Christmas." **What does it say about the depth of sin that God had to send His son to die? What does it say about the His love? Are these realities you reflect upon daily? If not, how can you start?**

Question 4 // Bill ended his sermon with a series of challenging questions. Let's take some time to discuss these as a group. Talk about how you've found success in these this year and where there are areas for growth. He asked. **"If you are a follower of Christ, would anyone recognize something different about you? Are you reflecting the love of Christ to those around you? Does your family see the light of Jesus in you?"**

Question 5 // **Do you have any traditions or things you do around the advent season that help you focus on the love of Christ? Take time to share those with the group as we close.**

Reflection & Prayer

Pray that God would spur us on in His love and by His love to live in accordance with His love. Pray and ask for Him to place someone on your heart, a family member, friend, or co-worker, in which you can show the love of Christ to this Advent season.