

## A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1:  
For God So Loved  
John 3:16

Slide 2:  
John 3:16 (ESV)  
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that  
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Slide 3:  
1 John 4:8 (ESV)  
...God is love.

Slide 4:  
1) There is a God  
"For God..."

Slide 5:  
Meditate: If there is a God, and everything begins with God, and  
everything is in submission to God, what does that mean for how I view  
my life?

Slide 6:  
2) God has a One-Of-A-Kind Son  
"His only begotten Son"

Slide 7:  
Meditate: How is God's relationship with His Son different from human  
familial relationships!? When God sends His Son, God is accomplishing the  
will of God through the means of God.

Slide 8:  
3) God Loves in a Certain Way  
"For God so loved that He gave"

Slide 9:

Meditate: We are the byproduct of God's love, not the focus, goal or motivation for love. Christmas isn't about you. It's about celebrating a revelation of His love.

Slide 10:

4) The World is the Recipient of His Love  
"For God thus loved the world"

Slide 11:

Meditate: Love requires action. God can love the world because he can do something for the world. We are told to love God and our "neighbor." How would my life be different if I placed my love only in people that I currently know, or in my proximity?

Slide 12:

5) We Have to Believe  
"that whoever believes"

Slide 13:

Isaiah 45:22 (KJV 1900)

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:  
For I am God, and there is none else.

Slide 14:

Meditate: Will you look?

The Greatest Bible Verse:

For God: the greatest lover  
so loved: the greatest degree  
the world: the greatest scope  
that He gave: the greatest sacrifice  
His only begotten Son: the greatest gift  
that whosoever: the greatest opportunity  
believes: the greatest simplicity  
in Him: the greatest attraction  
will not perish: the greatest promise  
but: the greatest difference  
have: the greatest certainty  
everlasting life: the greatest possession

## B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Read John 3:1-21 to get the full context behind Jesus' words to Nicodemus. Why do you think John wanted us to hear about this interaction? What are some of the many things we can learn from this story?

2) There is a God. "For God..."

If there is a God, and everything begins with God, and everything is in submission to God, what does that mean for how I view my life?

3) God has a Son. "His only begotten Son"

How is God's relationship with His Son different from human familial relationships!?

4) God loves thus. "...so loved"

We are the byproduct of God's love, not the focus, goal or motivation for love. Christmas isn't about you. How may this change our vision for Christmas?

5) The world is offered His love. "...so loved the world He gave"

Love requires action. God can love the world because he can do something for the world. We are told to love God and our "neighbor." How would my life be different if I placed my love only in people that I currently know, or in my proximity?

6) We must believe. "...that whoever believes"

Fill out all of the richness of that word. What does it mean to believe? How is it different from the way we use the word "believe?"

7) Prayer and Praise