

The Parchment

Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ



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God's Love for the World

John 3:16-19

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Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

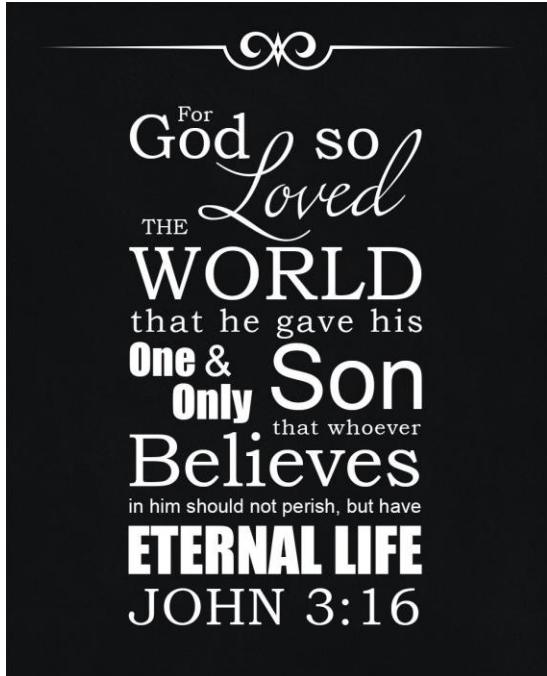
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



When Jesus was here on earth there was a man named Nicodemus that came to ask Him some questions. Nicodemus was part of the Jewish religious rulers called the Pharisees. Because many of the Pharisees did not support Jesus, Nicodemus came to question Jesus during the night. This section of scripture is part of Jesus' answers to Nicodemus. Jesus makes it clear why He has come and what He offers. Jesus came because God loves the world and wants to save the world from its own rebellion. Join us this week as we see how faith and trust in Jesus delivers us from judgment. As the passage tells us, Jesus did not come to the world to judge the world but to save the world.



John 3:1-3, 16-19 New American Standard Bible

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ²this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."...

...¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

① EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Who is speaking in this passage?

9. In what way has Jesus offered salvation to the world? Jesus has saved those that believe in Him. What did He save them from?

10. What must be believed in order to be saved by Jesus?

11. What does Jesus' coming reveal about God's feelings for you?

12. What does the passage say about judgment?

13. How do we avoid judgement?

14. What has Jesus done to save us from the judgment we deserve?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

15. Is there good reason to believe what John has recorded in this passage?

16. If what John has recorded is true how does it impact what we believe?

17. Does this story of Jesus merit further investigation and study?

18. Is there anything that you had previously heard about Jesus that is contrary to what was taught today?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes