

That you may
BELIEVE

SERMON

TITLE

The Gospel According to Jesus (Part 1)

John 3:16

GROUP DISCUSSION

OPENING DISCUSSION

Read John 3:16 as a group and pray together. Reflecting on the sermon this past week, what surprised you, stood out to you, or was new to you? Did anything specifically convict you.

FROM THE MESSAGE

1. What are we tempted to do when we come to a famous passage like John 3:16? Is the Gospel a truth that we can move on from as we grow in our faith? Why or why not?
2. What makes us unlovable in the eyes of God? What impact does this have on our lives and our relationship with the Lord? What does this passage tell us about God and the nature of His love?
3. What is the unimaginable gift that God gave to us? What is the biblical description of Jesus being the “only” Son? Why did Jesus have to die? What does it mean that His death was a sacrifice?
4. What is the meaning of the word “perish” in Scripture? Why does our culture reject the truthfulness of this reality? What are the three attributes that we see in the Bible about hell and eternal death?

FOR OUR LIVES

1. List a few ways that will help keep you from becoming overly familiar with a text of Scripture and not savoring its meaning. How can you keep your study of the Bible fresh and vibrant with the Lord?
2. Think about your testimony and how you came to Christ. How did you experience God’s love for you? How have you seen God’s love for you since that day?
3. What distortions exist in our culture about Jesus? Why is our world prone to pervert the truth of who Christ is? How do we hold fast to the biblical representation of Jesus?