Sermon Title: SO THAT… So That His Love is in Us!
Sermon Scripture: John 17:24-26

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Sermon Discussion Guide (11/6)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture
Read John 17:24-26 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In John 17:24-26, what does Jesus reveal about His desire for His followers, and what does this tell us about the ultimate purpose of salvation? Where have you seen God's glory in your life?

According to the sermon, what is the difference between knowing about God and actually knowing God? How does Jesus help us move from religious knowledge to a personal relationship with the Father? Give an example from your life when you moved from knowing about God to knowing God.

What examples from Jesus' actions and ministry demonstrate the character and the love of the Father? How does Jesus make God's love visible through His actions? How have you shown and shared the love of God?

According to the sermon, what does it mean for Christians to move from being recipients of God's love to participants in God's love? How should you change the way you interact with others to become a participant?

Application

Do you sometimes focus more on what Jesus can do for you than worrying about being in relationship with Him? What change in your daily routine would help you realize a stronger relationship with Jesus?

Which example of Jesus' love challenges you the most: serving instead of demanding, welcoming instead of excluding, forgiving instead of holding onto grudges, or moving towards people instead of withdrawing? Why do you feel challenged? How can you be more like Jesus?

When have you experienced God's love through another person in a way that made a lasting impact on your life? How did that shape your understanding of God's character? And how can you pass that same love onto others?

What is one relationship in your life where you have the opportunity to demonstrate the unconditional love of Christ more intentionally? What might it look like to put aside your own preferences, pride, or expectations, so you can love that person in the same way that Jesus does?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, this week we lift up a special prayer for the Fulani people group. We pray that we the people of your church share the same love you have given us with the Fulani. We pray that your Gospel reaches these people and beyond, until every person has heard the good news of Jesus. We also pray that when they hear your good news they don't simply know about you, we pray that they know you intimately. Jesus, we pray that you free us of our earthly burden so we may enter into joyful obedience of doing your will and carrying your yoke. In your Holy name we pray, Amen.