

MESSAGE STUDY GUIDE GROUP MATERIAL SONGS

God's Love Commitment

Bible Reading: John 3:13-21

Watch LIVESTREAM at 10am

A Clarifying Word about 'Water & the Spirit'

- A. Criteria: What was Nicodemus expected to understand?
- B. Water does not mean Christian baptism
- C. Water does not mean John's baptism
- D. Water does not mean birth waters
- E. Water & Spirit mean renewal & transformation (Ezek. 36:26-27)

God Loved & God Gave (Jn. 3:16)

- A. God's character: Love (1 Jn. 4:8)
- B. Jesus reveals God's Love to us
- C. God loves the world
 - 1. The world is troubled
 - 2. The world refers to all people
 - 3. The world is against God
 - 4. God gives Jesus for all people
 - 5. God's love and salvation are available for everyone
- D. God gives the world eternal life (3:15, 16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 39; 6:27, 40, 47, 54, 68; 10:28; 12:25, 50; 17:2-3)
 - 1. To know the true God & Jesus
 - 2. A life lived in relationship with the eternal God

- 3. The unending presence of God
- 4. A life experienced today

A God Who Takes Action (Ezek. 36:22-32; Num. 21:5-9)

- A. The water and the spirit (Ezek. 36:22-32)
- B. The bronze snake lifted up (Num. 21:7-9)

Application

- A. The starting point of faith (1 Jn. 4:19)
- B. The Kingdom of God: From Exclusive To Inclusive (Jn. 3:3, 5, 14-16)
 - 1. The exclusive Jewish view
 - 2. God's inclusive view (vv. 15-16)
- C. Believe in Jesus