
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"For God So Loved" (John 3:16-21) Pastor Peter Yi March 25, 2018

Please begin your discussion by going through the New City Catechism (#13). As the leader, read the question and have the group respond by reading the answer and Scripture together out loud. Then go around the room and read the commentary. If children are present, please include them too. Remember you can use the book, the phone app, or the browser website. Conclude with the prayer together.

1. Read the text for today from John 3:16-21. Which part of the text stands out to you the most? Why? How does it speak to you?
2. What have you learned about the Biblical ideas of love, either from C.S. Lewis or D.A. Carson? (See the introductory part of the sermon).
3. The first reason the love of God is so great is because he loved something/someone so unworthy and undeserving of his love. Has this been the way you thought about God's love and yourself? How has your view changed either from the sermon, or just over the years?
4. What is it that makes us so unlovable and why do you think that most people tend to think that they are lovable rather than unlovable?
5. The second reason God's love is great is because of what is cost God. Why do you think that we are more inclined to think of love as the romantic parts of a wedding ceremony, rather than the patient endurance when a spouse serves their sick partner?

What part of the costliness of God's love appeals most to you? Look through point two of the sermon.

6. Third, God's love is great because of the great benefit it has for us. According to the last part of verse 16, what are the two great benefits that we receive from God? In what way might those be the two greatest benefits we could ever receive?
7. Finally, do you agree with the statement that love creates a state of security and safety? Why or why not? How does receiving God's love in Christ, create for us the greatest and ultimate sense of security and safety? What might be keeping you from experiencing this for yourself? Pray and ask God for a personal experience of His love.