

GROUP DISCUSSION SHEET

Living Advent | Week 4 | December 22, 2024

Scripture and Big Idea

John 3:16-21 | Living Advent centers in God's love; sending us as Light into a dark world.

Questions for Connection *(Offer these to help the group become comfortable and connected)*

1. Share an experience this Christmas season that feels like a "rose" and one that feels like a "thorn"
2. What are some ways people show the love of God to the world at Christmas time?

Questions for Study *(Fact questions get people reading the Bible. Application questions get people talking. Both are needed.)*

Warm up: What is one thing that reminds you of the love God has for you?
Which of the video clips in the Live it Out were most impactful to you this week?

Read John 3:16-18

1. When has someone done something for you at great cost to themselves? How did it make you feel? How do you feel about what God has done for you in sending his Son?
2. Why do you think God chose to give His Son as the way to save humanity? What about this action makes it so impactful? (1 John 3:1)
3. What does this passage reveal about the depth of God's love for the world? How has understanding God's love shaped your relationship with Him? How has it shaped how you relate to others?
4. What does it mean to believe in Jesus and how does that belief affect our standing before God? See 1 John 5:11-12, Acts 4:12, John 1:12

Read John 3:19-21

5. Why do people sometimes prefer darkness over light?
6. How does walking in the Light change the way we show love to others? (1 John 1:7)
7. How does this passage inspire you to share God's love with others?
8. What does it look like practically to bring your deeds into the Light? How does knowing the love of God help you bring things into the light?

"Go to" for any text

1. What is your biggest take away from this lesson?
2. What did you learn about God from this passage?
3. How will you pray differently as a result of what you learned?
4. What one change will you make in your life from this lesson?
5. What is a key verse for you from this text?
6. So what? Why is this passage important?

Questions to ask Jesus *(Offer these for personal reflection before your group prayer time)*

1. Ask Jesus, "How does your love for me transform how I see others?"
2. Ask Jesus, "What thinking needs to change so that I can embrace your love for me more fully?"