



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Born Again | Part 2

John 3:16-21 | Apr 26, 2026



John 3:16-21 ESV - ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. According to John 3:16, what was God’s primary motivation for sending His Son?

2. In John 3:17, what specific purpose is given for Jesus’ entry into the world? What purpose is explicitly denied?

3. John 3:18 describes two categories of people. What defines the standing of each?

4. According to John 3:19–20, why do people choose darkness over light?

5. What is the ultimate goal or end result of the works mentioned in John 3:21?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. The Sunday message mentions that John 3:16 describes the manner of God’s love (“*This is how God loved...*”). How does God giving His only Son demonstrate the nature of His character?

2. Jesus uses the image of a rescue mission. If John 3:17 says He didn’t come to condemn because the world was already guilty, what does this tell us about the spiritual state of every person apart from Christ?

3. The Sunday message states that “*unbelief is rarely an intellectual problem; it is almost always a moral preference.*” Based on the text, why is the Light perceived as an ‘intruder’ to some?
