



Sermon Discussion Questions

"Receiving Gifts"

John 3:16-21

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Openers:

How did you first learn about where babies come from?

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text.]

1. From verses 16-18, what stands out to you about God? About what he wants to do?

2. Why did God send Jesus into the world?

3. How many times does the word "believe" show up in verse 18? What is the result of believing or not believing?

How will belief show itself (vv 15-21)?

4. What does verse 21 teach us about the relationship between truth and light?

5. As you read this familiar passage once more, what stood out this time? Elaborate.

Application:

6. What is the most important point in this passage for you right now and why? Heaven is waiting for those who believe in Jesus Christ (v 16)? God loved us enough to give us his only Son (v 16)? God doesn't desire to condemn us, but to save us (vv 17-18)? If we live by the truth, we will come into the light (vv 19-21)?

7. Where did you begin to see God as saving or rescuing you?

8. What first aroused your interest in Jesus? Why?

Take some time to pray together as a group. Perhaps tell God how grateful you are for his gift of love. And out of that place of gratitude, pray that God would refresh your readiness and your enthusiasm to live in such a way that attracts others to him.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).