

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

This week, we dig into John 3 and we hear these amazing words from Jesus. They are words that are there to encourage and to build up, but they also establish the reason for Christ coming to live amongst us and His plan for everyone. This is such a powerful part of scripture because it encourages and gives hope of why Christ is here. As we get into discussion this week, think about how we can let this section of scripture be an encouragement to us as believers, as well as how we can walk so that others can see what living in the light of Christ is like.

READ John 3:12-21

12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in

heaven? **14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that

He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be

saved. **18** He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already,

because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the

light had come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20**

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come into the light, lest his deeds should be

exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have

been done in God.

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. What hope do verses 15 and 16 bring in the promise of everlasting life?
2. Why does man love the darkness rather than the light?
3. How can we make sure that we do not live in the darkness?
4. What happens to those things that live in the darkness when we fully surrender to Christ?
5. How can we show others the power of verse 17 here?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- The words from Christ here are clear. Jesus identifies that He is not here to condemn the world, but to save the world. And that is where we can take the application for the week. How are we living a life that shows that? Are you living a life that focuses on condemnation, or the grace that God provides through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross? This goes to the commandment that Christ is going to give to the disciples later in the gospel of John, to love one another as Christ has loved us. As we strive to do that daily, we live a life that puts forth the glory of God. It is one that does as this passage closes, the truth comes to the light and our deeds are clearly seen.