

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“The Greatest Invitation” John 3:16-21
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

"For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him shall not perish but **have eternal life John 3:16 (NIV)**.

To Receive The Greatest Invitation We Must:**1. Believe That God Loves Us**

"For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son." **John 3:16a (NIV)**.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." **Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)**

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2. Believe That God Would Rather Save Us Than Condemn Us

"...whoever believes in him shall not **perish** but have eternal life." **John 3:16(NIV)**.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but to **save** the world through him." **John 3:17 (NIV)**.

The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ² "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there." ³ So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. ⁴ But the jar he was making **did not turn out** as he had hoped, so he **crushed it** into a lump of clay again and started over. ⁵ Then the LORD gave me this message: ⁶ "**O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay?** As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. ⁷ **If I announce** that a certain nation or **kingdom is to be uprooted**, torn down, and

destroyed,⁸ **but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned.**⁹ And if I announce that I will plant and **build up a certain nation or kingdom,**¹⁰ but then that nation **turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.** / ¹¹ “Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all Judah and Jerusalem. Say to them, ‘This is what the LORD says: I am planning disaster for you instead of good. **So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.**’”¹² But the people replied, “Don’t waste your breath. We will continue to live as we want to, stubbornly following our own evil desires.”

Jeremiah 18:1-12 (NLT2)

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.”

2 Peter 3:8-10 (NIV)

3. Accept His Invitation

“Whoever **believes in Him is not condemned,** but **whoever does not believe stands condemned already** because he has not believed in the name of God's **one and only Son.**¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men **loved darkness instead of light** because their deeds were evil.²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for **fear** that his deeds will be exposed.
John 3:18-20 (NIV).

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth **comes into the light,** so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been **done through God.**” **John 3:21 (NIV).**

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who **wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**⁵ For there is **one God and one mediator** between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus,**⁶ who gave himself as a **ransom** for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.” **1 Timothy 2:3-6 (NIV)**

➤ Are You Willing To Come Into His Light?

My next right step, I will:

- [] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer’s Baptism
- [] Sign up for Foundations Class
- [] Sign up for a Small Group

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker:

- ❖ What is the best invitation you have received? Birthday party? Wedding? Child Dedication? Other? Why?

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To Receive The Greatest Invitation We Must:

1. Believe That God Loves Us

Read John 3:16.

What does it mean to you to be fully known and loved by God?

How has God proved His love for you?

Read Philippians 2:5-11.

What did Jesus Give up in order to pay for our sins?

What should our response be?

2. Believe That God Would Rather Save Us Than Condemn Us

Read John 3:16,17.

What is God's attitude toward punishing us?

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While a holy God must punish sin in accordance with justice, He does not delight in destroying what He created and crafted with such care. God is the Author of life; sin is the cause of destruction.

Read Jeremiah 18:1-12

How is the analogy of a potter and the clay help you understand God's sovereignty and His heart?

How does this passage help you understand that God is not random in His judgement?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-10

Why has God delayed His coming judgement?

What motivates God to be patient with us?

3. Accept His Invitation

Read John 3:18-20

What is the reason that some people refuse to come to Jesus?

Have you known this be true in your life?

How has Jesus brought light into your life to change you?

How can you give glory to God for what He has done in your life?

Read 1 Timothy 2:3-6

What is God's desire?

How has God provided a way for mankind?

What is your response?

Close in prayer.