

The Mission

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WARM UP QUESTION: Have you ever been assigned a special task at school or work? How did you prepare to to accomplish it?

READ: John 3:16

FOCUS: God's love for the world is the driving force of missions.

OBSERVE:

- God's mission is revealed in John 3:16. God loves the world. His love is not shaped by how bad the world is but how good he is.
- It reveals that whoever believes in him will not perish. We are invited to believe in Jesus, in order to be saved from the penalty of sin.
- Finally it shows us that we will have eternal life. The gospel is not merely about improving lives—it is about rescuing people from perishing and bringing them into eternal life with God.
- Without mission, many people will never hear of God's salvation, and never discover their true purpose in life.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Are you in any way discriminating in your heart between different people groups deciding that some are more important or better deserving of God's love?
- Do you sense the Holy Spirit is guiding you to give more sacrificially of yourself to God and to others?

TAKE ACTION:

- Decide today to love others the way God has loved us, unconditionally.
- God gives sacrificially, Jesus gave his life. Make up your minds today not to hold back from God or from those he sends you to, making a decision to always give your best.

PRAY: Dear father in heaven, thank you for loving us unconditionally and giving to us sacrificially. We want to be like you. Teach us how to love and how to give with all of our hearts, not holding back, so that the beauty of Jesus will be seen in us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!