

Live Love
Week 4: You Are Loved
September 12th, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

As we say goodbye to Pastor Paul, share a way in which God has used him to speak to you over these last six years.

INTRODUCTION

This week concludes our series **Live Love**. It is also our final time together as a congregation under the teaching of Pastor Paul. He completes his time as our Senior Pastor sharing his love for us, his hope for our future and his encouragement as we move into the future with a message titled **You Are Loved**. Our text comes from a very well known passage of scripture, *John 3:1-17*.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus “after dark?”
- How does this passage reinforce the theme “It’s not about religion, it’s about relationship”?
- What does Jesus mean when He says “you must be born again,” and why would we use the term “born again” to describe our relationship with Him?
- What was God’s purpose in sending His Son Jesus into the world?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

Do you believe in Him? How might you help others to believe in Him too?

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.