

WITH US

MESSAGE: LUKE GREENAWAY

MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE, NAOMI FRENCH

DATE: DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

Question of the Morning: True or false, something is only worth what someone is willing to pay? (Explain your answer)

NOTES:

ANSWER:

Scripture:

John 3:16 *"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"*

Who: John writes to Jewish and Gentile readers

What: John emphasizes the deep *sacrificial and unconditional* love of God for mankind demonstrated through God sending his son, giving an opportunity for mankind to be saved from the death penalty.

Why important to the audience (Jew/Gentile):

- A proclamation that God loves not just the Jew but the Gentile (the World)
- Provoked a need to understand why a sacrifice of this magnitude was made (One and Only Son)
 - A creator that Loves his creation
 - His creation perishing (physical and spiritual)
- A sacrifice that would be once and for all (eternal life)

Why important for us today:

- We are reminded that all are invited to unity with God (no bias)
- We are compelled to understand the gravity of God's love for us (Undeserved/ Unconditional)
- We are excused from living in fear of physical death, as well as eternal separation from God. This all accomplished by trusting that Jesus's death is more than sufficient enough to appease God the Father

Application:

You are so valuable that God paid for you with his life!

You will imitate the love of God as you experience the love of God (Ephesians 5:1-2)

"Merry Christmas"

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Why does God love you and I so much?
- 2) What does his love call you to do with others?
- 3) Who do you struggle with Loving and how does God's act of love challenge the way you have been loving?

SONGS

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY
THE FIRST NOEL
SILENT NIGHT
NAMES

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$48,480.38
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,608,270
YTD General Need: \$1,839,456

Altamont Expansion Fund (12/4): \$201,138.98

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