

Sunday, July 14, 2019 - "For God So Loved - Bryan Hochhalter

Key Passages: John 3, John 15, John 1, Luke 7

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- John 3...For God so loved
- If we stay exposed to something long enough, it changes us
 - It can change us in positive or negative ways
 - When we were born we began to be exposed to the idea that the world is based on performance
 - That our value is based on our behavior → this leads to a highly conditional view of love
 - It affects the way we think about ourselves and the world
- We can project this understanding onto God
 - We think we control how God feels about us based on our behavior
 - But...for God so loved...
 - Jesus paid the price...we don't have to do "enough" to keep God from getting angry again
- In Matthew 9
 - Jesus approached a man of questionable morals (tax collector)
 - It seems too good to be true
- Luke 7 (the party wasn't at the table but at Jesus' feet)
 - Jesus encourages awareness
 - Jesus talked about and extended his love ALL THE TIME
- When we GET IT (God's love) it changes us, it changes our lives
- This is not a puppy dog, Jesus is my boyfriend type of life...it is the UNFAILING love of God
- Our call is to let God's love change us

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. In your own words, how would you describe God's love for you? Not how you think it should be but how you actually think it is?
2. Give an example of a time when God's love changed you?
3. How have you struggled to gain value with God or with others by your success/behavior?
4. What would it look like for you to allow God's love to change you?
5. What is something you have been exposed to for a long time that has changed you in a negative way? How is God calling you to let go of that?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Daniel 1 Tues: Daniel 2 Wed: Daniel 3 Thurs: Daniel 4 Fri: Daniel 5

Songs from the weekend: [Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [The Way - Pat Barrett] - [Downpour - Norflette Shumake] - [Holy Spirit - Bryan and Katie Torwalt] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury]