

## **Sermon Discussion Questions: John 3:16**

### **October 21st, 2018**

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
  
2. John 3:16 reminds us of God's great love for the whole world and how this love compelled God to give his own son for the salvation of people groups throughout the world. Look below at the various verses from different time periods of Israel and consider the questions in each section.
  - a. Abrahamic Period: Genesis 12:1-3. What is the purpose of God's blessing of Abraham and how might this direct the people of God's view of the nations?
  
  - b. Mosaic Period: Read Deuteronomy 4:5-8. How does God show his love for the world through the obedience of the Israelites? What will they learn of God as they see the Israelites obey the Lord?
  
  - c. Kingdom Period: Read 1 Kings 10:23-24. When Solomon came to the throne, the Lord gave him wisdom beyond all the kings of the earth. How did the nations interact with this wisdom in 1 Kings 10:23-24 and what does this show of God's provision for the nations?
  
  - d. Exilic Period: Read Isaiah 49:5-7. What does this prophecy reveal about God's future restoration after exile?
  
3. How might you use John 3:16-18 to respond to the question of the skeptic who might say Christianity is such a condemning religion which sends people to hell? Who is ultimately responsible for our condemnation and what does Jesus ultimately come to do?
  
4. How can you more intentionally pray for the nations and connect with people from different ethnicities in our own city? Pray for nations to come to believe in Jesus as savior.