

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 / FOR OUR WORLD / JOHN 3:16-21 Are our lives and our ministry aligned with God's love for the people of the world around us?

John 3:16 is the best-known and most often shared text in all the Bible. Like all Bible passages, however, it's best understood in its full context. It's a bright light in an otherwise dark chapter about spiritual blindness and willful rejection of the will of God. The most important way we can be FOR the people of the world is to help them see the truth about God's love.

READ JOHN 3:16-21.

1. How do you react to the idea that God is truly for you? What makes this concept easy or difficult for you to accept?

2. What are some of the reasons many in the world today believe that God is against them (John 3:17)?

3. What does this passage suggest about the state of the world God loves and sent Jesus to save (John 3:18)? (see John 3:36)

4. What can you do to begin to change the narrative so that people in your world know that God and you are for them?

5. How should God's great love for the world impact the way you interact with others in your world today? (see 2 Corinthians 5:20)

6. Who is God leading you to share your faith with today?

GOD AND FATHER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR ME AND THE MANY AROUND ME WHO HAVE YET TO RECEIVE JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD.



PRAYER GUIDE

The FOR series challenges us to live out the Gospel of Jesus FOR our world and community. Prayer centers our hearts to value what Jesus values and reorient our priorities to Kingdom priorities.Yes, we pray to see God change circumstances, but we also pray so that God will change us – change the way we see our world, change the ways we see our neighbors, change the ways we live out the gospel.

Take this FOR Prayer Guide individually and in your small group. Based on what we are engaging on Sunday morning for this series, use this guide to focus your prayers in this critical time in our world. We have offered a few prompts to help, but also blank spaces for you to add your own prayer requests.

You can use this guide to pray during the whole series. Here are some ideas:

- Pray each morning during the time you read your Bible.
- Walk around your neighborhood praying and adding requests.
- Take a whole small group meeting to pray together.
- Join us on December 5th in a church wide prayer gathering.

See our recommendations below - Use the spaces add your own requests:

Pray FOR the World / John 3:16-21 / Specific Focuses – the pandemic, our global partners, the 10/40 window / Add your requests below:

Pray FOR the Community / Specific Focus - America, Rochester, Your Neighborhood:

Pray FOR your life / Specific Focus – Loving your neighbors, Transformation through God's Word, Deepening Prayer, Serving: