

DISCUSSION 1

The love of God is vast beyond all measure. Our earthly relationships are only a flawed picture of the love we receive from God.

1. When you think about your life, who are some people who have loved you well? What made you appreciate their love?
2. In what ways is God's love better than our human love? How should the title "Father God" affect the way we think about God's love?
3. What are some barriers to people understanding the love of God? Do you ever struggle to believe that God loves you? If so, why? What can you do to overcome that struggle?

DISCUSSION 2

The greatest display of God's love for the world is that God sent his only Son to save sinners.

1. John 3:16 tells us that the way God loved the world was by giving us his only Son. Why was this the greatest gift we could receive?
2. Scripture says only those who believe will receive eternal life. Why is faith necessary for salvation?
3. We naturally think about God as being unemotional. Consider the fact that in order for God to redeem us, he had to send his only son to suffer on a cross for our sins. How should this help us in our fight against sin?

DISCUSSION 3

The rejection of God's Son is the greatest tragedy of all humanity.

1. Reread v. 18. Why is the person who doesn't believe in Jesus already condemned?
2. Why do many people struggle with the doctrine of eternal judgement for non-believers? How would you answer someone who struggled with it?
3. Reread vv. 19-20. What is the ultimate reason someone won't believe in Jesus? Why should this encourage you to always be on mission for the gospel?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the love of God. Why was it loving for God to give us his only son? What does it mean that everyone who believes in Jesus will receive eternal life?
2. Define the title “Heavenly Father.” Why is God’s love as our father better than any love we will experience from our earthly family?
3. Reread vv. 19-20. According to this passage, why do some people not love Jesus? Why is it important that we share the light of Christ with others?

APPLICATION

1. Commit to praying for three people in your life who don’t know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray for them every day this week, that their hearts may be softened and that the Lord would open a door for you to share the gospel with them.
2. Give a special gift to one person in your life this week. You may choose to write a note along with the gift to encourage them. Look for a way to tie this gift back to the infinite gift you have received from God.