DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?

OVERVIEW: John 3:16 is the first verse you should memorize. It is the most important verse in the Bible, because it the heart of the Bible's message. It gives us assurance of God's love and the key to eternal life. It is the message we must share with the whole world. In this discussion we will go deeper with John 3:16 so that we can believe it with more confidence, and share it with more effectiveness.

- 1. **Read John 3:16**. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
- 2. John 3:16 assumes the existence of God ("For God"). What are some of the arguments for the existence of God? Why do you personally believe in God?
- 3. What does John 3:16 reveal about the love of God? How does this make you feel?
- 4. What does it mean that God gave His Son?

- 5. What does it mean that Jesus is God's one and only Son?
- 6. What does the word "perish" refer to?
- 7. What is eternal life?
- 8. John 3:16 explains that the way to eternal life is to believe in Jesus. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

The Last Word: "If all the other verses in the Bible were lost but this one, we would nonetheless still have them since all the rest of the verses of the Bible are contained in John 3:16." Jerry Vines

