



## **3:16 #5: WE LIVE**

July 27 & 28, 2024

John 3:16

### **Opener:**

One of the most powerful messages of John 3:16 is its permanence that says, "whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Do you believe you are a "whoever" who has everlasting life?

### **Go Deeper:**

1. It is often hard to believe in heaven's "whoever" policy when our world tells us we have to be "somebody" to matter.
  - a) Read Matthew 10:32; John 11:26; and Revelation 22:17. What qualifies us to be a "whoever"?
  - b) What holds you back from believing you are included in heaven's "whoever" policy?
2. Jesus spoke of hell and eternal judgement in 13% of His teachings and 2/3 of His parables were related to resurrection and judgement.
  - a) How old were you and who first taught you about heaven and hell?
  - b) Name a word or phrase that comes to mind when you think of hell? What comes to mind when you think of heaven?
  - c) Read Matthew 22:8-14. What insight stood out to you from these verses?

## Live It:

1. Read Romans 8:14-17; Ephesians 1:13-14 and 1 Peter 1:3-9.
  - b) Are you God's child? Is there an aspect of your "identity" you are unsure of?
  - c) What role does the Holy Spirit play in our adoption by God? Why is this significant?
  - d) If we have been given a "...new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus...", how should this affect our lives?
2. Read Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 5:15-20. What do you believe is God's will for your life here on earth and in eternity?
3. What do you believe the kingdom of God is and how can you bring the kingdom of God to earth in your family, community, church, or city?



### GOD TIME:

#### Daily Bible Readings (July 28-August 3)

Sun:	2 Cor. 8:8-15	Genuine Love in Giving
Mon:	2 Cor. 8:16-24	Collecting & Giving Funds
Tues:	2 Cor. 10:1-11	Paul's Letters
Wed:	2 Cor. 10:12-18	Boasting in the Lord
Thurs:	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Visions and Revelations
Fri:	2 Cor. 12:11-18	Signs and Wonders
Sat:	2 Cor. 13:5-13	Examine Yourself

\*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

