

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?

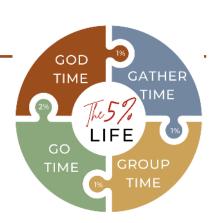


GOD TIME:

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 Yourselves



^{*}The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.