



## **John 3:16-21 For God so loved the world**

### **1. A loving promise (v16)**

- This verse will be very familiar to most of us. What do we learn here about God's love for the world?
- What decision does this verse call us to make and what's at stake?
- What does it mean to 'believe in him'? Does John 1:12 help?
- How does remembering the great truth of this verse help us when we find it difficult to *feel* God's love?

### **2. A loving warning (v17-18)**

- What was God's purpose in sending Jesus into the world? Why was it not to condemn the world?
- What is the warning in these verses?
- How should this affect our view of the gospel and our need to share it with others?

### 3. A loving verdict (v19-21)

- Why do people love darkness instead of light?
- How does this help explain why people reject the gospel and how might that shape our evangelism?
- What is different about those who 'live by the truth and come into the light'?
- The phrase '*done in the sight of God*' (v21) can also be translated as '*carried out in God*'. How is this helpful to us as we seek to be those who live in the light? (does John 15:5 help?)