All The Way - "All In" Kind of Love

Weekend Discussion Questions December 13-14, 2014

Community:

- 1. If you had to pick one type of food to eat on Christmas, what would you pick? Why?
- 2. Are you the type of person who waits until the last minute to buy presents, or do you already have them all bought?

Core:

- 1. Take a few minutes to share with the group what you remember about the discussion last week.
- 2. We're going to spend more time in John 3:16. Why is this verse so central to our faith and so crucial for us understanding the concept of God's "All the Way" love?
- 3. How would our lives be better if we went through every day being confident that God loves us and is on our side?
- 4. John 3:16 tells us that "God is going to give (spend) His only Son to buy us the new life that we could not afford." If you were trying to explain that to someone who didn't go to church, what would you say?
- 5. God gave His Son for us—what would go through your mind if someone asked you to give up one of your children for someone else?
- 6. Read Romans 8:1. What does it mean that for those who have faith in Jesus, there is "no condemnation"? How does that apply to your everyday life today?
- 7. Now skip down to the end of the chapter and read Romans 8:31-32. In light of what we've been talking about in the series, what do these verses tell us about trusting God's love?
- 8. Jim said that we're a culture of qualifiers—we say "kinda" or "pretty much" a lot. How does that translate over to the way that we see God's love for us?
- 9. Normally we think of God's love for us as something that's calm and sweet and nice—why do you think we think of it that way?
- 10. Instead, what if God's love was more like a furious raging river—how would you compare God's love to that?

Challenge:

- 1. How can understanding God's "all in" love for you help you get through anything life throws at you?
- 2. What is one step you can take to comprehend God's love for you more this week?

