

All the Way – How Much Does God Love Me?

Weekend Discussion Questions

December 6-7, 2014

Community:

1. What are a couple of Christmas traditions your family practiced when you were a child?
2. What are the Christmas traditions you still practice as an adult? What has changed? Is there any reason why you made the changes you did (or didn't make changes)?

Core:

1. This month's series is going to explore God's love for people. But like Jim said this past weekend, normally we have objections to God's unconditional love for us and for others. What are some of the objections you've heard?
2. Why do you think that when we hear "God loves you", we internally respond with something like, "Yeah, but...we'll wait and see"?
3. We're going to spend most of this series breaking down one verse: John 3:16. Read that verse. Pick one word from the verse that sticks out to you—why does it stick out?
4. Jesus says that "God SO loved the world." The word "so" signifies the manner or intensity of God's love for the world. What words would you use to describe God's love? Why?
5. Read what John writes about God's love in 1 John 3:1. If God loves us, and we by definition are His children, then we can say that God provides and protects for us. How have you seen God do that in your own life?
6. God sending His Son wasn't "Plan B" in case things in the world went bad—God knew things would go bad, and determined from the beginning that He would send His Son. What does this fact tell you about God's love?
7. Jim compared the way God loves us to the way parents love a newborn child. What are a couple of the parallels between those two?
8. Last week Scott said "In the same proportion that God loves Jesus...that's exactly how much God loves you." What does this make you think?

Challenge:

1. Jim had us repeat four things: "God loves me." "God *still* loves me." "God never *stopped* loving me." "God *will not stop* loving me." Which one of those means the most to you? Why?
2. Rather than talk about the *applications* of "God loves me", we should look at the *implications* of "God loves me." What are the implications of "God loves me"? If it is true that God loves me, what *can* I now do because of that love?