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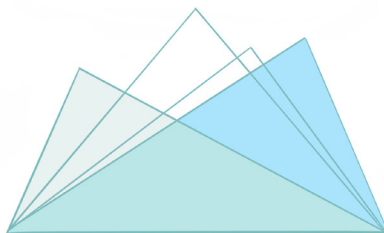
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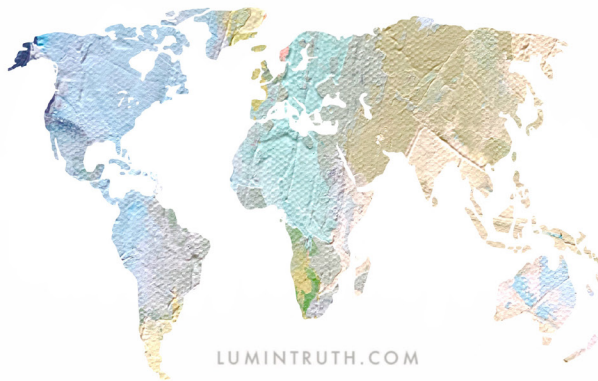
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"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This verse is probably one of the most memorized, recognized, and seen Bible verses. It's been publicly displayed on billboards on the side of the road and posters at sporting events. It's powerful yet precious; the perfect summary of the Gospel. It explains the entire Bible in one sentence. God's powerful and unfailing love for the world was bought by Jesus' death on the cross and the precious gift of salvation was given to any who believe (and continue to believe) in Him.

LUMINtruth is focused on adults AND children learning and understanding scripture. To hear from our younger readers, we asked a bible study group of middle schoolers what this verse means to them:

"This verse means a lot of things to me. God's love for us is WILD. No matter how badly we sin His love is still immeasurable. Life would be SO different [terrible] without God sending Jesus down. We would not go to heaven - What?! Eternal life is a dream. You best believe I'm coming to see my heavenly Father. This is one of my top favorite verses and I have a million more reasons why!" - Lila, 12 years old

"What John 3:16 means to me is that God loves us so much He would send His only Son. That if you believe in Jesus you would go to heaven. When you go to heaven you will spend forever with Him." - Gabby, 12 years old

"This verse gives me multiple emotions, "For God so loved the world..." this part makes me confused, yet grateful, because why would He love us after all we have done, so many wicked things against His will? But He loves us anyway! "He gave His one and only son" .. this makes me feel sad because He gave His own child for us and that's how much he loves us. The reason that's sad for me is because I don't think I would do the same for God, which is a really sad thing. "Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life", this relaxes me because I know God is always there for me and I'm safe from Satan. So in conclusion, I'm very grateful for everything God has done for me." - Rachel, 13 years old

"This is the first verse I ever memorized. This is what started me to Christianity. [This is what made me believe in God] This verse tells us that God loves you no matter what and if you want to go to heaven all you have to do is believe in Him and take Him into your heart." - Addy, 13 years old

"To me John 3:16 is so, so special because it shows God's never ending love for us and He would do anything for us no matter the cost and that His love for us will never fail." - Caroline, 13 years old.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This can be a verse we gloss over or say without much thought behind the words but if we truly think about the weight of this truth, it should bring us to our knees. Slowly reread John 3:16 again.

God loves you. Do you believe this? Even in the hard days in the mom trenches when it's hard to recognize God's love, He loves you. What would it look like if you believed this enough to live like

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The word 'gospel' means good news. What good news does this verse talk about?

Do you believe that God loves you?? He loves you when you're good, when you're bad, when you're angry. Not only does He love you, He wants you to spend forever with Him in Heaven!



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