

**Welcome to the
Common Ground Café!**



Sunday, August 13, 2017

**Invite Your World to Life
A Study of John 3:16**

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Our August sermon series is called “3:16.” We’re looking at four passages that fall at the third chapter and the sixteenth verse of a Bible book. We began last week looking at C _____ 3:16. Fill in that blank and look up the passage.

This week our series continues with John 3:16.

Make list of places you’ve seen John 3:16.

Read John 3:16.

The truth of this verse is something we must **receive** and then **communicate**.

Someone once said, “Too many Christians are like Arctic rivers: They are frozen at the mouth.” Make a list of reasons why we fail to discuss our faith with others.

Pastor Tom highlighted five benefits derived from sharing the good news of Christ with others who need him. Use your sermon notes to complete the five benefits as you come to them in the discussion guide below.

**It publicly i _____ you
with the kingdom of God**

Read Romans 1:16 and 10:9-15. Is being a closet Christian really an option?

Think of other commitments we make: weight loss, quitting smoking, and so on. Why are we more likely to stick to a commitment we make public than a commitment we keep private?

**It r_____ your
decision to belong to Christ**

Read John 1:43-46. What might Philip recalled about his own prior doubts thought when faced with Nathanael's cynicism?

How does helping others find Christ remind us of our own spiritual quest?

It clarifies and solidifies your b_____

What are some questions and objections that you've had to face when talking about your faith?

How did you seek to help the non-believer settle these issues?

Do you think you would have grown in your understanding of those issues if you did not have to find an answer for that non-believer? Why or why not?

**It reassures you of the
p_____ of God**

Read Matthew 28:18-20. What promise does Jesus make in vs. 20?

Because of the context of vs. 18-19, in what activity would you expect to sense His power and His presence?

Read John 6:22-35.

- ❖ Sometimes when people get restless at their present church, they say, “I’m not being fed.” What did Jesus say filled him full?
- ❖ When we participate with our church in helping non-believers understand the gospel, in what way can this “feed” us like it fed Jesus?

It gives you an immediate and visible reason to set an e_____ of righteousness

Read Romans 1:17-18. How would you evaluate the need for Christians to be examples?

Why are we more conscious of the example we’re setting when people identify us as Christians?

Which of these five benefit are most convicting to you?

What can you do to improve your witness and gain these benefits?



Close with praise reports and prayer requests