



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1

### Looking Back . . .

<b>Sunday</b>	John 3:14-21	God's Love for Us
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 3:1-6	Moses a Servant, Christ a Son
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 107:1-16	Thanksgiving for Deliverance
<b>Wednesday</b>	John 8:12-20	Jesus the Light of the World

### Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Hebrews 4:1-13	The Rest that God Promised
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 4:14-5:4	Jesus the Great High Priest
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 51:1-12	Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon
<b>Sunday</b>	John 12:20-33	Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus



John 3:16 and the Promise of God's Love

The familiar verses of 16 and 17 as well as the rest of the passage can in some ways sound like the promises of God are only for certain people with the right faith or right acts or right way of figuring out how to love the light and not the dark. However, in verse 17 we also are promised that God did not send Jesus for judgment but for salvation and that salvation is for the world. Furthermore, the Greek language can be tricky to interpret here and the words 'everyone that believes in him' are better translated 'everyone that believes through him' meaning that through the faithfulness of Jesus we come to faith, belief, life, and salvation. It is not our doing but God's.

Through Jesus we are able to imagine beyond what we ourselves are capable of believing. Belief is not so much a state of mind or even a state of heart but a state of being willing to have one's eyes opened to the spiritual realities in our everyday life. Take a piece of paper and draw or cut it into a large heart. Try to use the largest paper you can and post this in your home in a good spot for all to see. Write the words God's Love shining Through and throughout the week record where you have seen acts of love or where you have given acts of love. At the end of the week take a flashlight and shine it behind the heart so that it 'lights up'. Circle around the heart and pray together for God's presence in your life. End with blessing one another.

## Faith on the Go



God of cleansing and rest, we come to you with hearts that seek your spirit and lives that need your presence. Be with us in our meals, in our resting, and in the work of our days. Be with all those who walk in darkness and show us how to be your light. Amen



Where have you rested your heart today?  
Where have you offered rest for others?



John 3:14-21 God's Love for Us

#### Day 1

John 3:14-15  
Jesus is referring to Numbers 21:8. The people would look up at a bronze serpent if they had been bit, and they would live. In what ways do you look to Jesus when you are in trouble?

#### Day 2

John 3:16  
What is the most interesting place you have seen this verse referenced? Is it comforting or challenging to you?

#### Day 3

John 3:17  
How does verse 17 change or enrich your understanding of verse 16?

#### Day 4

John 3:18-19  
Do you hear more Law or Gospel in these verses? What does it mean to love darkness?

#### Day 5

John 3:20-21  
What does it mean to "do what is true"? How is that different from sinning or not sinning?



**May you know a clean heart from God  
and a renewed Spirit in your life.**