

(1) Does it bother you to consider the fact that God's love differs in how it is expressed and in who is the object of it? If so, why? What does it mean to say that God is *sovereign* in the expression of his love? In light of the sermon, talk briefly about each of the five manifestations of the love of God.

(2) What do you think John meant when he spoke of the "world"? Was he focusing on the size of the world or the number of people who comprise it? If not, what did he have in mind? How does his focus on the quality or sinfulness of the "world" serve to magnify the love God has for it?

(3) Read Romans 8:32 and talk about how it relates to John 3:16. What significance do you find in the fact that God sent/gave his "one and only, unique, dearly-loved Son" to die for us?

(4) Why do people reject the gospel of John 3:16? Read John 3:18-21 to answer this question. Is it true that people primarily reject the gospel for moral reasons rather than intellectual ones? Do you know of people who insisted that they can't believe the gospel because it is intellectually or logically incoherent? Do you believe them, or could this be a cover for the fact that they prefer to remain in their sin? Give personal examples.

(5) What is the nature of the "life" that we receive when we believe in Christ? What are some of the misconceptions that people have regarding this "life"?