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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

Light Work
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John 3:16-21 NIV 1984

16 "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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Vs. 19

- It is a misalignment of our love that keeps us rooted in darkness, away from the light.

Vs. 20-21

- You will either be transformed by the light or malformed by the darkness.

"Human beings seem to have a perpetual tendency to have somebody else talk to God for them. . . The history of religion is the story of an almost desperate scramble to have a king, a mediator, a priest, a pastor, a go-between. In this way we do not need to go to God ourselves. Such an approach saves us from the need to change, for to be in the presence of God is to change." - *Richard Foster*

- To step into the light is to step into a relationship with Jesus, where nothing can be hidden but all can be healed.

Small group questions

1. What about the message most stood out to you?
2. What do you love? How do you know?
3. How can we practice the truth?
4. How has following Jesus transformed your desires?
5. How do you think God is forming and changing you right now?

5 Book recommendations to go deeper on this topic:

The Bible (duh)
You Are What You Love by James K.A. Smith
The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis
Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
Practicing The Way by John Mark Comer