

Community Group Discussion Guide  
Week 6 - God of Love and Wrath  
John 3:16-21, 36

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Read the third chapter of John's gospel and then answer the following questions.

### Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history... Who is Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question, as I see it, isn't a flat, one dimensional answer. There are many dimensions to who Jesus is. It's in understanding each one that we understand who he is, and what this means for us.

### Questions for Study

1. If you were to identify one attribute of God that you've found most challenging to understand, what would you say it is? Why?
2. What attribute of God do you think most people in America have a difficult time understanding and perhaps an even more difficult time accepting? Why?
3. Reviewing what you know about our world's major religions, what would you say are the contrasting views of God when it comes to God's love and God's wrath?
4. What is included in the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus leading to what Jesus said in verse 16? Write down the talking points, what is it that you observe in their conversation?
5. Why is it impossible to have the first half of John 3:16 and not the second half? First half being – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son".
6. What kind of world would we live in if there were no consequences for bad behavior?
7. Why is a God of love so appealing to people and not a God of wrath? Why should both be equally appealing?
8. If you were to describe the wrath of God to someone who doesn't share your faith in Jesus Christ, what would you say?
9. Where does it lead you if you only see God as a God of love?
10. Where does it lead you if you only see God as a God of wrath?
11. Why does Jesus say people reject him? (Remember he's 'the light'.)
12. Explain what Jesus is saying in verse 21. Write this out.
13. If you were given the opportunity to explain to someone why it's the best thing that Jesus is a God of love and wrath, what would you say?