



SESSION FOUR:



The All-Access Cross

STUDENT HANDOUT

Key Verse

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteous-
ness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

Sometimes a famous verse can become so familiar that it loses some of its punch. John 3:16 may well fit into that category. Look up and read John 3:16 in different translations.

QUESTIONS ABOUT JOHN 3:16:

1. What strikes you when reading John 3:16 in these different translations? Is there anything new you heard?
2. Why did God send his Son to earth, according to this verse?
3. According to this passage, who may gain eternal life? How is this done?

QUESTIONS ABOUT JOHN 3:17-21:

1. What didn't God send his Son to earth to do, according to verse 17?
2. Who is not condemned, according to verse 18? Who is condemned, according to the same verse? To which group do you belong? Explain.
3. The next time you're watching a sporting event on television and you see the "John 3:16 guy," how could you start a discussion about the meaning behind the verse? Brainstorm some good ways to start a spiritual conversation with your friends.

ACTIVITY: TELL YOUR STORY:

We all come to God in unique ways—some as children, others later on; some as a response to a problem or crisis, others because they just knew something was missing; some at a specific point in time, others more gradually over a long period of time. How would you describe the journey that brought you to God?

EASTER/LENT FOCUS:

We are challenging all our students to join with the rest of the church and read *He Chose You* in the weeks leading up to Easter. This week's readings will help us understand the dilemma of holiness versus love. Please read chapters 10–12 in *He Chose You*.