

FP: God's Love For Us

In this study we will look at Scriptures that will help us understand who God is and how he loves us.

Question: "What is your view of God/Jesus at this point in your life?" Possible answers include:

1. The "Clockmaker"—God created everything, gave us a book of instructions (Bible), but from there it is basically up to us. God really doesn't get involved in our daily lives.
2. The "Policeman"—God is a stern Being, telling us what to do and having very high expectations of our response. Failure to respond correctly puts us in trouble with him.
3. The "Grandfather"—God is the proverbial grandfather in the rocking chair who looks at his children misbehaving and in his permissive way says, "Well, kids will be kids." In other words, God doesn't take our sins seriously.

But the truth is that God came down to us through Jesus! By studying Jesus we can see who God is and how He loves us.

The following scriptures show "how God loves us" through Jesus. Pick one or two of these scriptures that you think are most helpful and relatable to the person studying; Jesus touches all types of people.

1. John 1:1-18

(v. 1) Jesus is called the Word; He was with God the Father, and he himself was God (Deity), (v. 14). The Word became a man, but a unique man who was also God (v. 18). Jesus came to reveal God to us, to show us what God is really like.

2. John 8:1-11—Woman caught in adultery.

3. John 13:1-15—Jesus washed disciple's feet, shows the full extent of his love.

4. Luke 5:12-13—the compassion of Jesus (touching a leper was never done).

5. Mark 10:17-27—Rich young ruler, Jesus spoke the truth in love.

6. 1 John 4:9-10

God reached out to us through Jesus! God deeply desires a relationship with us – this study is more about him seeking us than about us seeking him.

7. Romans 5:6-8—God sacrificed for us when we were powerless.

8. 1 Peter 2:21-25—God sacrificed Jesus for us!

9. John 3:16-17—God so loved the world!

10. John 17:1-3—God desires a relationship with us through Jesus!

11. Hebrews 1:1-3—God speaks to us through Jesus! (Just like God speaks to us through the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Assignment:

Read John 1-5 and answer this question: "What did you learn about God in this study and in the assignment that changes your view of him?"