

# The Great Invitation: John 3:1-16

Week of March 17th, 2024

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## Text

Have someone read aloud [John 3:1-16](#) and [Numbers 21:5-9](#).

What would you say if asked to sum up the Bible in three sentences? Would the words gospel or invitation be words that you would use? It can certainly be daunting to endeavor to summarise all of the Bible. It can be a challenge to clearly and concisely communicate the gospel, but it is clear that the gospel always demands a response. Whether someone responds in action or apathy, your response bears eternal weight; therefore, our boldness in sharing it should bear equal weight. We are not responsible for the response; we are only responsible for offering the invitation and trusting God with the rest.

## Discussion Questions

1. What do you think are some of the biggest misconceptions about Christianity? Why do you think these misconceptions exist?
2. What invitations is Jesus offering in this passage, and what are the implications of these invitations?
3. Why do you think God brings healing in Numbers instead of taking the snakes away, as the people asked?
4. Why do you think John quotes this Old Testament story right before the great invitation of John 3:16?

## Application Questions

1. Is there someone in your life who needs to hear the invitation of the gospel?



Have someone read aloud [2 Corinthians 3:12](#).

2. What stops you from being more bold in sharing the gospel?
3. What is the invitation you felt the Lord was offering you today?

## **Prayer**

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

1. Pray for those who need to hear the gospel that they would have ears ready to hear and hearts ready to receive salvation.
2. Pray that the Lord would give us the boldness to share the gospel with those who need to hear it.

## **Additional Resources and Information**

Here are some additional resources for this week's topics and texts.

### **Sharing the gospel - Acts of Kindness**

If you have questions about sharing the gospel or how you can be a force for good for God's glory in your family, workplace, community, and world, below is a link to our Acts of Kindness resources and 3 Circles tool for sharing the gospel.

<https://longhollow.com/actsofkindness>

### **Easter!**

Easter is almost here! Below is important information on service times and serving opportunities.

#### **Service Times**

Saturday, March 30 at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

#### **Serving Opportunities**

To sign up to serve on Easter, you can text "peeps" to 98173.

