

October 16, 2022

## **For Orlando**

Guest: Jeff Henderson

### **Passage: John 3:16-17**

[16](#)“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17](#)For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Background**

Today, we have as our guest, Jeff Henderson, who is an author, coach, business leader, and pastor of Gwinnett Church. Before helping North Point Ministries launch their first multi-site location (Buckhead Church), Jeff spent 21 years in the world of marketing, many of those years with Chick-Fil-A. As our church looks forward to serving our community with our time and resources, Jeff will challenge us in today’s message to consider what we, as followers of Jesus, should be *FOR*, not simply what we are against.

### **Sermon Notes**

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## Instructions

Since we believe we are BETTER TOGETHER, this discussion guide serves as a conversation guide with your small group. The “Belong” section offers an ‘ice-breaker’ or reflection question to start your time together. In the “Believe” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Our hope is to have meaningful conversations around God’s Word, not simply answer all the questions. Finally, the “Become” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life and to pray for one another.

## Belong

- In light of the message, how would you answer this question: “What do you think God thinks about when God thinks about you? Allow time for each person to share an answer.

## Believe

- **Read John 3:1-21.** What can we learn from Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus? What is God FOR according to this passage? In what ways do we see this play out in the life of Jesus? What other passages remind us of what God is FOR? How should this change the way we live? In what ways have you experienced Christians who are known for what they are AGAINST rather than what they are FOR? What about in your own life? How does this affect our witness to unbelievers in the community? What do you believe OUR church is known in the community for being FOR? What about for what we are AGAINST? How do we strike a balance between standing AGAINST sinfulness while also being FOR our neighbors and neighborhoods? What does that practically look like?
- What stood out to you the most about this week’s message? What verse or passage was most meaningful and why? Where else do you see these truths in Scripture? What challenged you? What prompted questions in your own mind?
- As you reflect on the message, what did you learn about who God is? What is one thing you learned about yourself? What is one way the message revealed our need for Jesus and what Jesus has done on our behalf? What do you believe is the main “take away” from this week’s message for your own life? Who in your life right now could use the encouragement you heard this week? How can you best communicate the truth of God’s Word you heard today to them?

## Become

- What do you believe others would say your life says you are “For”? What needs to change to reflect the heart of God in your daily life to be FOR what God is FOR?
- **PRAYER POINTS:** How can we pray specifically for one another this week? Continue to pray for those who suffered loss in the hurricane. Pray you can show others what you are FOR. Pray for how you can GIVE and SERVE our community in the coming weeks.