Measuring God’s Love Sun Am KZ 3/10/24

# Memory Verse: John 3:16 NKJV

# 16For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Target Thought: God’s Love Is Immeasureable.

One of my favorite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16). I was thinking about that verse and wondering just how great God's love is and how we could measure it.  We use different tools to measure different things, for example measuring cups, measuring tapes, and a watch to measure time. The Bible tells us that God loves us so much that we can’t even imagine how much He loves us.

Sometimes we measure ingredients. If I were making some cookies, which of these would I use to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.)  That’s right, we would use a measuring cup for cookies, but I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:1,5). Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I guess we couldn’t use a measuring cup to measure it. God’s love for us is so great that He can never run out of love for us.

If we were building something, which of these would I use to measure the length, width, and height of different things? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) That’s right, a tape measure, but I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens (Psalm 108:4). If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we? God’s love for us is so great that it surrounds us all of the time.

Which of these would I use to measure time? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watches to measure how long the pastor's sermon lasts. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 103:17). Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I guess we couldn’t measure it with a watch. God’s love for us is so great that He loved us even before we were born and He will love us for eternity there is no beginning or end to His love for us.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it. We don't need to, but we do need to experience it.

God’s love for us is to help us to have the best life now and for eternity, but we have to choose to let Him love us. We have to believe and accept His love.

My prayer for us today is, "That we may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is. May we experience it, though it is so great we will never fully understand it" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

Dear God, we thank You for Your love—a love so great that You gave Your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. In Jesus’ name, we thank You amen.

1 Can we even imagine how much God loves us?

2 Can God run out of love for us?

3 Does God’s love surround us all of the time?

4 Is there a beginning or end to God’s love for us?

5 Do we have to choose God’s love?