

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

## John 3:16-17

"Share Your God Story" #Blessed Sermon Series May 21, 2017

<u>BLESS</u>: <u>Begin with Prayer</u>, <u>L</u>isten, <u>Eat</u>, <u>S</u>erve, <u>S</u>hare Your God Story

Jesus said, "If you know these things, you are b\_\_\_\_\_ if you do them." (John 13:15-17)

In John 3:16-17, the Greek word for "w\_\_\_\_" is κοσμος and refers to those human beings who are at odds with Jesus and God.

The e\_\_\_\_\_\_ life offered is not held for the believer's future, but begins \_\_\_\_\_\_ now, a way of describing life lived in the unending presence of God.

The God revealed in Jesus is a God whose love knows no bounds! We must share this story.

We all have a story, and yours is worth t\_\_\_\_\_!

<u>I. The Story of Nicodemus (John 3:1-2 The Message)</u>
Nicodemus is a wealthy Pharisee with a lot to 1\_\_\_\_\_. So, he came at n\_\_\_\_\_.
"Pharisee" means "The Separated One." Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin: a \_\_\_\_\_\_ member supreme court for all Jews worldwide.
It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ that Nicodemus came to Jesus at all.
Jesus' response has a d \_\_\_\_\_\_ meaning. Nicodemus is confused. (3:3-4)
The Greek word *anothen* means "from above" and "again" or "anew."
Jesus' response challenges Nicodemus to go d \_\_\_\_\_\_ beyond certainty. (5-6)
Jesus' metaphor of *pneuma* also means both wind and s \_\_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)

 II. The Problem of Confusion: We d\_\_\_\_\_ know or we w\_\_\_\_\_ know. (9)

 It is time for Jesus to share His s\_\_\_\_\_! (10-12)

God sent Jesus to save the world, but each person must decide whether to accept that offer of salvation.

 III. The Good News: Your Story as a Part of God's Story (13-18)

 Who people are is determined by t\_\_\_\_\_ response to \_\_\_\_\_.

 Never judge and never give up hope! (John 19:38-42)

 "Came now in broad \_\_\_\_\_\_." for the burial of a King.

<u>Action Step</u>: Stay a \_\_\_\_\_ to what God is doing in your life and s \_\_\_\_\_ it! "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15