

**Greater Decatur Churches**  
**Discussion Questions – Lent Week Four**  
**You Only Have To Die: The Death of Control**

**John 3:14-21**

Common English Bible (CEB)

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

<sup>19</sup> "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. <sup>20</sup> All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. <sup>21</sup> Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

**Questions:**

What is your personal experience or earliest memory of John 3:16?

What is the difference between thinking something is true and believing something is true?

What do we have control over? What do we not have control over? What are the implications of those answers for how we choose to live our lives of faith?