

1. When you hear the word love, what experiences or definitions tend to shape how you understand it most?

2. Read **John 3:16–17**

What stands out to you about how God’s love is described in these verses? What surprises you about it?

Why do you think it matters that God loved us before we changed or believed? **Verse 16** says God “gave” His Son. What does this tell us about the nature of real love?

According to **verse 17**, what was *not* Jesus’ mission, and how does that shape how we view God?

3. Which part of the response to God’s love do you find hardest right now and why? What is your next step?

- Receiving it
- Resting in it
- Reflecting it

4. What is one practical way you can reflect God’s love this week, especially toward someone who might be difficult, overlooked, or unexpected?

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Current Series

What the World Still Needs

WELCOME

December 21, 2025

WELCOME GUESTS

WORSHIP ORDER

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NORTHAMPTON BIBLE CHURCH
Love God | Love People | Make Disciples

UPCOMING

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

PRAYER CHAIN - Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org or if you don't email, www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is looking for:

*A volunteer to teach the 9:30 Sunday School class on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

*A volunteer in the Baby Room the 2nd & 5th Sundays of the month.

Please see Kellie Sturm if interested.

MEDIA & TECH TEAM

Help is needed! This important area helps to make Sunday mornings happen, both in-person and online! If you are interested in tech, sound, slides, etc., please connect with Maddison in the tech booth.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 6:00PM

Celebrate the joy and wonder of the season with us on **Christmas Eve!** Join us for a beautiful and meaningful service for the whole family, a time of singing, reflection, and celebration. This service will include carols, special moments, and a message that reminds us of the hope and love we find in Jesus' birth.

NORTHAMPTON SURVEY 2025

We would love to hear how God has been working in your life and what your spiritual journey has looked like in 2025. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us grow as a church community. What have been some of the highlights for you this year? Are there areas where you've seen God move powerfully? Looking ahead to 2026, what are your hopes and dreams for our church? We want to partner with you in building a church that glorifies God and meets the needs of His people. Share your thoughts; **go to the Church Center app** or www.nbchurchcf.org!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

If you would like to contribute toward this offering, please designate that when you give by writing on the envelope or noting in the app. The hope is that giving toward the Christmas Offering would be "above and beyond" your normal giving so as to continue to cover the regular monthly expenses. **NOTE:** To be deductible on your 2025 tax return, your contribution check must be received on or before December 31, 2025.

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Class begins on **Sunday, January 11, 9:00-10:30am** (and run for 11 weeks). For more info or to register, check out our website or the Church Center app!

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Big idea: The love the world needs most is not earned, conditional, or temporary, it's the self-giving love of God revealed in Jesus.

John 3:16-17

God's Unstoppable Love...

1. God's love _____
2. God's love is proven _____
3. God's love offers _____, not _____
4. God's love gives us _____

What do you do with a love like that?

1. _____ it
2. _____ in it
3. _____ it



Check out classes and next steps: www.nbchurchcf.org/nextsteps/



Next week: **ONE**

*A weekly rhythm for every disciple
Hebrews 10:19-25*