

## “God <3’s U”

Series: “*Tweets You Can Live By*”  
(Part 4 of 4)

**Open:** Choose the #1 love song of all time from the list provided: a) *My Girl* – The Temptations, b) *I’ll Be There* – The Jackson Five, c) *Wonderful Tonight* – Eric Clapton, d) *I Just Called To Say I Love You* – Stevie Wonder, or e) *You Are So Beautiful* – Joe Cocker.

**Explore:** Read Genesis 11:27-12:9.

While living in Ur, the Lord called Abram to pack up and move. Eventually, God lead Abram to Canaan, where his name was changed to Abraham (which means “father of many”) and where he became the founder of the Jewish people.

1. Who were the members of Abram’s family (vs. 11:27-32)? What do we know about Abram’s wife at this time?
2. What probably made following God’s call difficult for Abram (vs. 12:1)?
3. What promises did God give to Abram (vs. 12:2-3)?
4. What did Abram do once he reached Canaan (vs. 12:4-9)? What is the connection between the story of Abram and the story of Jesus? What does the promise to Abraham say about God’s love for you?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Is it easier for you to give love or receive love? Explain.
2. What does it mean to you that God is love? In what way(s) have you experienced God’s love in your life?
3. Is it possible to love someone without risk (be sure to give a reason for why you believe the way you do)? What risk did God take to demonstrate His great love for us?
4. List obstacles people have for receiving God’s love. When did you first realize God’s love was available for you?
5. In what ways is God’s love demonstrated in the context of a church family/CARE Group? How can the group be pro-active when it comes to helping others experience the love of God?

**Live:**

As a group: If you haven’t started already, the holidays offer a natural opportunity to reach out to others through a micro-mission. Take time as a group to think of one way you can demonstrate God’s love this year (i.e., adopt a family or serve on a GO & DO project).

On your own: God’s love came with an incredible risk factor. God’s love can be seen in His promise to Abraham and was completed through the death of His Son. If you’ve never done so, take time to memorize John 3:16 and thank God for His incredible love for you.

## Listening Guide Notes

**John 3:16 facts about God’s love:**

1. God’s Love is universal.

“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 (NIV)**

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

**-1 John 4:16 (NIV)**

“For God does not show favoritism...” **-Romans 2:11 (NIV)**

2. God’s love is sacrificial.

“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 (NIV)**

<sup>[6]</sup> “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>[7]</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>[8]</sup> But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **-Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)**

3. God’s love is available.

“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 (NIV)**

<sup>[6]</sup> “God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>[7]</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>[8]</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>[9]</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.” **-2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 (NIV)**