

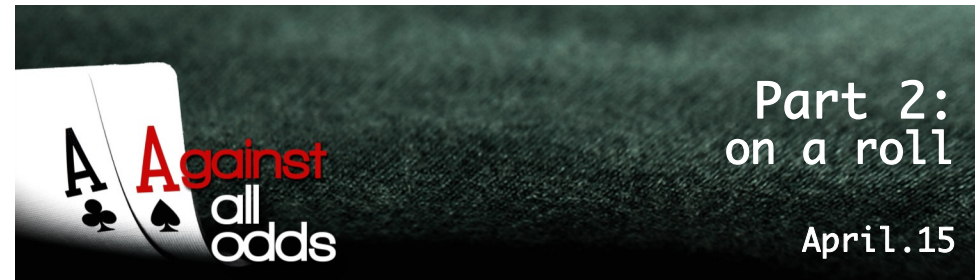


study questions

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

Text: John 3:16

1. What questions or push back did this week's message raise for you?
2. Remember Nicodemus is asking faith questions of Jesus. He's wondering what Jesus is teaching regarding faith in God. After reading John 3:16 again, go to Jesus' definition of "eternal life" in John 17:2-3.
 - a. What is Jesus saying about the nature of eternal life?
 - b. What is God's motivation to offer us eternal life?
 - c. How does eternal life affect your view of what faith is?
 - d. How do you think that kind of faith expresses itself on your life with Jesus (for example, in your prayer life)?
3. Go back and read John 3:8.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus brings up the person of the Holy Spirit here? (it's always a good thing to read the context).
 - b. What do you make of the comparison of the Spirit with wind?
 - c. Does the *need* for the Spirit's work in your faith and understanding of God encourage your faith or challenge it?
4. Read again the story of Jesus healing the leper in Luke 15:12-16.
 - a. How does this story help you understand true biblical faith?
 - b. How does it help you understand how God loves you?
 - c. Can you think of other stories in the Bible that exemplify faith this way? (hint: Hebrews 11 is full of them).
5. Pray:
 - For those who received Christ on Easter Sunday, that they would grow strong in their new faith, know their inner assurance of Jesus, and get connected with his family.
 - That we, as individuals and as a church, would be people of faith in the great big God who knows our lives and world and needs better than we do...and he loves us!
 - Consider praying for some really BIG things that you feel are needed for your own growth and that of your church family. Tell God, all the while, you trust him.



context:

line by line:

application: