**“If God is Love, What About Hell?”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that challenged, puzzled or encouraged you in some way.
2. What insight did you gain regarding the parable of the rich man and Lazarus?
3. Read Romans 1:1-25. Note that *the gospel* is the good news that Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of all scripture, has completed his work, has authority over all things, and has offered salvation to all nations. We are called, as Paul was, to proclaim this truth to all nations.
   1. Considering especially vv. 1-5 and 16-17 (an example of *special revelation*), what is God’s deepest desire for all peoples and nations?
   2. In addition to the *special revelation* of both the scriptures and Jesus’ incarnation, v. 20 also refers to truth through the *general revelation* of his creation. Taken together, what does all of this reveal about God’s character?
   3. For whom, according to v. 18, is the wrath of God reserved?
   4. In vv. 24-25, what do you learn about human will (i.e. choice) and God’s sovereignty?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. It is a human tendency to place the idea of God on a level playing field with humankind.
   1. What is the danger when we equate God with people?
   2. Name some of the attributes of God that should draw us to worship.
   3. In v. 5 it states that “we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for . . . all the nations”.
      1. What does the term ‘obedience of faith’ suggest?
      2. What are the two things that enable us to bring this about?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Reread vv. 9-10.
   1. How would you describe Paul’s prayer life?
   2. How does his prayer life impact his relationship with the church in Rome (include through v. 15)?
   3. Does your connection to the Holy Spirit produce a similar love for Christ’s church and the lost? What can you learn from Paul?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. To what extent do vv.16-17 reflect your attitude and conviction?
2. If Hell is real and God is so incredibly good, what should our response be in terms of obedience?
3. Write a personal commitment in the blanks below:

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Weekly Scripture Memory

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* Romans 1:16 (ESV)