

**Bible Study:** Wednesday March 10, 2021  
**Sermon:** Sunday, March 14, 2021  
**Scripture:** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- Take a few moments to visualize a place you might think of as paradise. A sunset on a tropical beach, a waterfall in the middle of a rainforest, mountains covered in snow, your favorite vacation spot, etc. Next, think of a place you've been to or seen where people are experiencing extreme poverty. Finally, think of someone you either don't like or with whom you disagree. Keep all of those pictures in your mind as you recall that God loved the world (the cosmos – the entirety of the universe, all of God's creation) in such a way (agape - self-sacrificial, giving love) that he gave his only Son.... Are our actions in line with this? Does the way we treat our neighbors, our planet, and even our own bodies even come close to the love God has for us?
- “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.” In the gospel of John, the idea of “eternal life” is more of quality of life than quantity. Eternal life doesn't start when your life on earth ends, rather, it begins here and now and is centered in Jesus. Its meaning is not bound by time as it is everlasting in Christ. How does this idea inform (or change) your views about your time here on earth and what you might do with it?
- Are your actions emanating light? How are you using your resources? With whom are you sharing your story? Can others see and experience God's love through you?