

FOR GOD SO LOVED GRIFFIN.

Part 1: Good News for Griffin

Bottom Line: *For God so loved Griffin, He sent us to share the love of Jesus with Griffin.*

Scripture: John 20:19-21, John 3:16

This message focuses on Jesus' mission of love, forgiveness, and relationship. In John 20, Jesus meets his disciples in their fear, offering peace, forgiveness, and a mission—to go and share this transformative love. He didn't impose himself; he proposed himself through love, modeling a gentle but purposeful approach to evangelism. As believers, our mission mirrors Jesus': we are sent to the Griffin community not to judge or impose, but to extend God's invitation of love and peace.

Main Points

- 1. God's Love for Griffin**
Just as Jesus shared God's love with the world, we're called to bring that same love to Griffin. This isn't just about "church attendance" but engaging people meaningfully.
- 2. Evangelism Redefined**
Sharing Jesus is proposing, not imposing. It's about modeling his love, serving, and creating spaces where faith can be explored without fear or shame.
- 3. Empowered by the Holy Spirit**
Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into his followers, equipping them for this mission. We aren't alone; God equips us to share his love with Griffin.
- 4. Our Calling to Step Out**
If we stay inside our safe spaces, people miss out. Jesus called his disciples out of comfort zones, and he calls us to step out too, sharing with the people we see daily.
- 5. Not on Our Watch**
The church must fight the natural tendency to become inward-focused. We must reach outward and ensure the next generation in Griffin experiences the love of Jesus.