

## **“On the Church Sign: A Message of Love”**

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- What** A committee meeting to plan phrases for the church sign reveals that we may have become complacent about God's love.
- Themes:** God's Love, God's Grace, Just for Fun, Valentine's Day, Church Culture
- Who** Audrey  
Dan  
Krista  
Jess  
Ben
- When** Present Day
- Wear (Props)** All characters wear casual present-day clothes.  
Table (folding-style ideal)  
5 chairs  
Five laptops and/or notepads and pens
- Why** John 3:16, Romans 8:12-39
- How** Characters can be of varied adult ages.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Lights up. Audrey, Dan, Krista, Jess, and Ben are seated around a table, each with a laptop or notebook and pen.*

**Audrey:** All right, guys, thanks for coming. Dan? You want to open us up in prayer?

**Dan:** Sure. Dear Heavenly Father, you know our committee has an important decision to make tonight. Please direct our discussion and help us to make the right choice. In your name, Amen.

**All:** *(echoing)* Amen.

**Audrey:** *(straightening up dramatically)* So.

*Dan, Krista, Jess, and Ben simultaneously flip open their notepad or laptop.*

**Audrey:** *(soberly)* What's going on the church sign?

**Krista:** Well, we can't beat Third Baptist. *[Or insert a generic-sounding church name]*

**Jess:** Yeah, but that's because they broke the cardinal Church Sign rule.

**All:** NO...POLITICS.

**Audrey:** That's okay, we're going to take the high road. Pastor just finished a series on prayer. How about something like, "Come on in, we're prayer-conditioned"?

**Dan:** Or, "You're tallest when you're on your knees".

**Jess:** How about, "Which gets more use? Your prayer closet or your shoe closet?"

**Ben:** What? Who would have a *shoe* closet?

*Audrey, Krista, and Jess raise their hands.*

**Ben:** Never mind.

**Krista:** How about, "God always answers knee-mail"?

**Jess:** We did that last year.

**Audrey:** The next sermon series is on Revelation. There's a lot of end-times phrases we could pull from.

**Krista:** *(slowly and somberly)* "Gnashing of teeth".

**Jess:** Eww! What's that?

**Krista:** It's an end-times phrase.

**Ben:** On the church sign? That's what we want people to see? Come on in, there's gnashing of teeth?

**Krista:** Not *here!* I meant—never mind.

**Jess:** How about, "Get right or get left"?

**Dan:** I thought we said no politics.

*Jess throws her hands up incredulously.*

**Audrey:** Maybe we should come back to Revelation. We've got time on that one. Other ideas?

**Dan:** Here's a good one: "God sent you a text message. It's called The Bible."

*Everyone groans.*

**Krista:** Or, "Read the Bible! It prevents truth decay!"

*More groans.*

**Krista:** Get it? Truth decay? Like tooth decay?

**Jess:** *(to Krista)* What is it with you and teeth?

**Audrey:** Or how about a personal challenge? You know, like, "The best vitamin for a Christian is B1."

**Dan:** "If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

**Jess:** "Live your life so that non-believers will question their non-belief."

**Audrey:** "We're not called to be like other Christians. We're called to be like Christ."

**Krista:** "You are sodium chloride."

**Jess:** What?!

**Krista:** *(defensively)* You know, the salt of the earth.

**Audrey:** *(catching up on her notes)* Well, those are some good ideas. Ben, you've been pretty quiet. What do you think we should put on the church sign?

**Ben:** "God loves you."

*Everyone looks up, expressions prompting him to continue.*

**Ben:** That's it. "God loves you."

*Audrey and Dan look at each other and start laughing.*

**Jess:** That's it?

**Krista:** But that's so boring.

**Ben:** How is that boring? *(Silence)* If I tell you the Person who built the entire galaxy loves you, that's boring?

**Audrey:** I just think she means—

**Ben:** *(cutting her off)* If I say, "Audrey, with all the seven-point-something-billion people in the world, God loves *you*", is that boring?

**Audrey:** Not exactly.

**Ben:** If I say, Dan, Krista, God chose you as his son and daughter before the beginning of time? Or if I say, He knows how much hair is on Jess's head and how many purple shoes are in her shoe room?

**Jess:** *(correcting)* Closet.

**Ben:** And that's *BORING?*

**Dan:** *(after a pause)* You have a point.

**Audrey:** Yeah, you do. Okay. *(Gestures with her hand as if scanning the words on a sign):* "God loves you."

*The others write it in their notebooks or type on their laptops. There is a brief pause.*

**Krista:** So how do we make that catchy?

*Ben buries his head in his hands. Lights down.*