



The 63rd Regular Convention Bible Study 1

Theme: **ONE Message—Christ!**
A Message of Love for a Church in Mission

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Dr. William R. Diekelman, attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis. (1967); Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1969); and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973). Upon seminary graduation, Dr. Diekelman was placed at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elko, Nev., where he served for eight years. From 1981 to 2004, Dr. Diekelman was pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Owasso, OK. After serving one term as circuit counselor and one term as first vice president of the Oklahoma District, Dr. Diekelman was elected to serve as district president in 1991. Dr. Diekelman was elected as first vice president of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod on July 11, 2004. He married the former Carol Schroeder May 30, 1970. Together, they have been blessed with six children and two granddaughters.



Outline

Scripture Focus: John 3:16-17

- I. **God is eternal and has promised mankind eternal life with him**

- II. **God is a God of action, as demonstrated throughout Scripture and in the person of Christ. He demonstrated his love for mankind by offering Jesus as atonement for our sins.**

- III. **God calls us to action so that through us people in our communities can know of this great love God has for us in Jesus.**

IV. Discussion Questions

1. How did you learn about the love God has for you?

2. What is your congregation doing to make an impact in your community for the sake of Jesus Christ?

3. What are you doing personally to make a difference in even one other person's life?