



UNGRINCHED:

## Everyone's a Grinch

JOHN 3:16

Week 1 of 4

### I'm a Grinch

one of my favorite Christmas Traditions is the Grinch / specials as a kid / always Grinch  
for the next few weeks / "such heathen things" / I'm a Grinch  
Christian's BMW / I give with expectation

### We live in a Grinchy world

Mastercard's win two cars promotion / OLPC Give One Get One  
There's a part of my soul that... / There's a Grinch in me. / There's a Grinch in you.

### Who is a Grinch?

A Grinch is a person whose heart is **too small**.

TWO SIZES TOO SMALL / two causes / Show the clip

### Cause #1: **Bitter Envy**.

*A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.*

Proverbs 14:30

### Cause #2: **Selfishness**.

*An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.*

Proverbs 18:1

*For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

James 3:16

### What the Bible Says

Every person has a **wayward heart**.

*The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

Psalm 14:2-3

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Isaiah 53:6

Now that's a pretty strong claim! NO ONE? But it's Christmas? Doesn't everyone?

### What Jesus Says

*On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"*

*He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

*"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."*

Luke 10:25-28

How closely are you following these two commands?  
ILL: Jerry Bridges, author of *The Practice of Godliness* on a plane...

Our problem is a **lack** of **love**.

Like the Grinch, our hearts are too small, and what's leftover is misdirected toward self.

BUT THAT'S THE REASON WE HAVE CHRISTMAS! :: GRINCH CLIP

OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, I'M GOING TO HELP YOU GROW YOUR HEART  
THREE SIZES LARGER WITH ONE VERSE.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

This is the point of Christmas... That people selfish by nature and hardened by life-experience can be rescued from themselves by a God who cared enough to do the unthinkable; that Grinches can be healed, restored, forgiven, and invited to the celebration. This is the point of Christmas, that the birth of one baby 2000 years ago can change your heart, can change everything.

NEXT WEEK: ONE SIZE LARGER