



Life Group Questions

John 3:1-21

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WARMING UP

- Would you want to go back to your childhood? What aspects of childhood do you miss?
- Share with your group about your view of God and spiritual matters when you were younger. What has changed? What do you wish hadn't changed? What is still the same?

GROUP DISCUSSION—READ JOHN 3:1-15

- Is there anything new that stands out to you from reading these verses or from the church service this week?
- What was missing in the life of Nicodemus?
- How would you respond to someone who says they believe Jesus was a good moral person but they do not recognize Him as the Son of God?
- Why was the term “born again” so confusing to Nicodemus?
- How would you describe being “born again” to someone who was struggling with what this means?
- Of all the verses in the Old Testament Jesus could have referenced, why did he refer to the Israelites in the desert and the lifting up of the snake? (Numbers 21:4-9)

READ AND SUMMARIZE JOHN 3:16-21

- How would you, in your own words, explain the word “believe” from a biblical perspective?
- How encouraging is it to know that salvation is not dependent upon how persuasive you are or how much you know, but is instead the work of God in a person's heart? In what way does this affect how you live your life on a daily basis?

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APPLICATION

- Have you made the decision to believe in Jesus as your Savior?
- Even though salvation is God's work, why do you think the Bible stresses our role in sharing the gospel with others? (Rom. 10:17).
- Have you ever shared what it means to be “born again” with someone else? How did it feel?
- How does Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus provide a model for how we engage with those who are spiritually minded but not committed to Christ?
- Would you pray that God would bring someone into your life that you could share this story with them?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was Nicodemus confused when Jesus said he must be born again?
- What kind of birth was Jesus talking about?
- How can we be born into God's family?
- List things you can do on your own and things you need others to do for you. Is being born again something you can do for yourself?
- If you were the toy, could you put in your own batteries? What happens inside of us when we trust in Jesus for salvation?
- Read over the booklet, “The Gospel: God's Plan for Me” with your child. Or check out the summary in the poster: https://s3.amazonaws.com/tgp-media/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ALL_GospelPlanPoster-Kids.pdf
- Practice this unit's memory verse: John 14:6 - *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* Want to learn a song to go with it? Check out The Family App!
 - ◇ For Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lifeway.tgpparents>
 - ◇ For Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gospel-project-for-kids-family/id561426629?mt=8>