

## Small Group Questions | Becoming a new person | John 3:1-21



Through powerful imagery and profound theological insights, John reveals the nature of Jesus as the Son of God, the light of the world, the bread of life, and the hope of the world. Throughout the gospel of John, Jesus engages with a wide variety of people, from the wealthy and powerful to the marginalized and oppressed. As we move into John 3, Jesus has an interesting encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee. Keep John 3:1-21 in mind as you read and discuss the questions below.

1. Think about a time in your life you had a question for God or about God. Who did you bring that question to? What time of day was it? Where did you meet with that person? What kind of answer did you receive about your question?
2. **Read John 3:1-2.** We learned that Nicodemus was an educated man who was part of the highest level of Jewish leadership. He comes to Jesus at night with a question. Why would he come to Jesus at night and not during the day?
3. Nicodemus asserts three truths he knows about Jesus. What are things that you know to be true about Jesus? Share those truths and read the scriptures from which they are found.
4. **Read John 3:3-10.** Jesus and Nicodemus have a conversation about rebirth. If you were asked what it means to be born again, how would you explain that? Make sure to use Scripture in your answers so you can point them to God's truth.
5. Within our text we see that Jesus cares primarily about our spiritual condition. He stayed up late talking with Nicodemus about spiritual matters. Who do you want to see experience a spiritual change in their life?
6. **Read John 3:16-18.** In verse 16 John writes the familiar statement about God's love, Jesus' purpose for coming to earth, and the outcome of believing in Him. How has your life been changed by placing your hope in Jesus as your Lord and Savior?
7. Neal shared a story about a fight that happened across the street from our church. **Read John 3:19-21.** Talk about the desperate need for light in our dark world. Where is God asking you to reach out to your friends, neighbors, or community?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for an opportunity to tell a friend about God's love and Jesus' salvation.