



GROUP GUIDE

Where or When did you feel like you were working with God this week?
Were there any moments you felt as though you were working against God?

Read John 3:1-17

JOHN 3

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again² he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.³ 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You⁴ must be born again.’ 8 The wind⁵ blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you⁶ do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.⁷ 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.⁸

16 “For God so loved the world,⁹ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Initial Questions & Comments about the passage.

God // What does this passage teach us about God?
(His character / posture / actions)

How might what you've seen of God in this passage change your perspective, posture or attitude?

Me // What immediately stands out and applies directly to your life in the passage?

We // How does this passage apply to our life as a Missional Community?

Mission // What does this passage teach us about our beliefs, postures and attitudes towards those to whom we've been sent?

Nicodemus was curious about Jesus because he knew of the signs he had been doing. Jesus' good deeds caused Nicodemus to ask questions.

In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus explains, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

How can the lives we live make room for opportunities to share the Gospel? What are the actions and postures that you have seen earn Christians the right to share the good news of Jesus?

Jesus made it abundantly clear to Nicodemus that his works and righteousness alone would not save him. Jesus' works made room for words.

In Romans 10:13-15 Paul writes, "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

Take some times as a group to discuss the importance of sharing the Gospel with words. How can you know when it is time to speak the truth of the Gospel to someone?

Prayer Time //

Take some time now to pray for each other, group prayer requests & those people to whom you've been sent. Spend some extra time in prayer tonight asking God to give

you opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with someone in your life this week.