

## Pre-Encounter Class 001 – Understanding the New Birth

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### Overview:

*The point of this first class is to ensure each participant clearly understands what it means to be born again, that this is what has happened in their life, and what it qualifies them to receive.*

### Notes:

*John 3:3 – Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the \_\_\_\_\_.”*

### What does it mean to be ‘born again’?

*Genesis 2:17 – but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

God wasn’t just referring to a natural death but to \_\_\_\_\_ – eternal separation from Him

*Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

Sin was part of our nature from the time we were \_\_\_\_\_ – each of us have committed sin by breaking God’s laws

The only solution is to have a \_\_\_\_\_ – to be born again in our spirits

*2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

This is not just an \_\_\_\_\_ but a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_!

- Old things have passed away, all things have become new

*Question: What are some of the old things that have passed away in your life?*

### How does this happen?

ABC’s of being born again

A = **Admit** that you are a \_\_\_\_\_ and need a Savior

- Romans 3:23 – all have sinned and fallen short of God’s glorious standard (NLT)
- We must recognize that we have sinned against God – we have broken His laws and His heart
- We must completely reject the thought that we can earn this by being good
- We need to repent (change mind and actions) from all sin

B = **Believe** that \_\_\_\_\_ is the Savior

- Romans 10:9 – believe in your heart that God raised him (Jesus) from the dead

- The gift of salvation comes through believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior
- We must acknowledge that He is the only way to the Father

C = **Confess** Jesus as your \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 10:9 – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD
- When you believe you then need to confess Him as LORD with your mouth
- This could be compared to ‘swearing allegiance’ to Him

*Question: Have you done this? When did you do it? Why did you do it?*

**Some Fruit of Being Born Again**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ for the Word (1 Peter 2:2)
2. Distaste for sin, \_\_\_\_\_ to do right (1 Peter 1:15-16)
3. A love for \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:14)
4. A desire to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith with others (Acts 4:20)

*Questions: Do you have this fruit demonstrated in your life? What areas do you feel you need to grow in?*

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Homework:

- Get a journal
- What are the circumstances surrounding your natural and spiritual birth? Ask your mom if there was any traumatic experiences surrounding your natural birth or during the time that you were in the womb.

Scripture Memorization (write it out below):

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**

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