

Life Together Group Questions  
April, 2013  
John 3:1-21

- What compels Nicodemus to come to talk with Jesus? Why did he come at night? (vss. 1-2)
- Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be “born again” at the very outset before a question is even asked. Why? (vs.3) What did Jesus know about Nicodemus? (see 2; 24-25)
- Was this a new thing that Jesus is talking about to Nicodemus or something that was common for those who put their faith in God?
- Why does one need to be “born again”? (vss. 3, 5) What does that mean for salvation? 2 Cor. 5:17; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:3-5 What does it mean in everyday life of a believer?
- What sense of mystery and wonder do you have with the movement of the Spirit? (vs.8) Is there something we can do to cultivate our experience of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you ever have a sense of the moving of the Spirit when you share the gospel with people? How does your understanding of how the Holy Spirit moves and works affect how you share Christ with others?
- Why does Jesus express surprise with Nicodemus on these theses? (vs.10) Zech. 13:1; Jer. 31:29 Ezek. 36:25-28
- What “testimony” do you think Nicodemus and others did not accept? (vs.11) see Luke 7:29-30
- Why did Nic. find this so hard to grasp or understand? (vs.9)
- How do you think Nic. understood what Jesus said about the “Son of Man”? ( vs.13) What did Jesus mean?
- Read about the snake Moses raised up in the wilderness in Numbers 21:4-9. (vss.14-16) What is similar to how Christ is “lifted up” and what is different? Also see John 8:28; 12:32
- John 3:16 is a very familiar verse – is there something you did not notice before?
- What do vss. 17-18 tell us about the nature of Jesus’ mission? (vss. 17-18)
- For whom did Jesus die and who will be saved? The whole world? Only those who would believe? (vss.15-18) Why is this question important?
- How do you see the different persons of the God-Head involved in this passage?
- What do vss. 19-21 tell us about the nature of mankind? (vss. 19-21) Some would say that mankind is born good or neutral and that people are products of their environment – how would you engage someone about this?
- What do you think the scripture means when it says in vs. 21, “that what he has done has been done through God?” (vs. 21) See Eph. 2:8-10 and Phil. 2:12-13