



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus and Nicodemus – John 3:1-21

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Outline

Revealed Truth

1. It is not what you **know** (vs.2-3)
2. It is not what you **do** (vs. 4-8)
3. Only **Jesus** can save (vs. 9-15)
4. There are only **two** groups (vs. 16-21)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- How have you made the Word of God a priority in your life this last week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- What are some places people go seeking truth?

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review John 3:1-21 and discuss the following questions.

- How does Jesus begin each of his three responses to Nicodemus' statements? (vs 3, 5, 11). Why do you think Jesus starts that way? Why don't people believe what He says?
- What does Jesus teach about the nature of the Kingdom of God in verses 3 & 5? Do you think Nicodemus understands Him? Why or why not?
- How would you explain being "Born Again" to someone who is curious about having eternal life? How would they know that you are "Born from above"?
- Jesus refers to the image found in Numbers 21:8-9. What is Jesus trying to tell Nicodemus through this? Do you think it is too simple or easy? Why or why not?
- John 3:16 is the most well-known verse, even to unbelievers? How important are verses 17 & 18 that follow? Why?



- According to John 3:19-20, why will people not believe or look to Jesus for their salvation? Why won't people follow Jesus?
- What darkness has the Holy Spirit removed from you since you walked into the light? Is there darkness in your life that is still holding you back from walking fully into the light? Take some time to repent. Allow Jesus to forgive you and for the Holy Spirit to change you.

Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

- Read Romans 6:1-11. What does this passage say about new life? What does that look like?
- Read 1 Peter 1:3, 22-23. What does this passage say about new life? How is this new life provided to us?
- How does Jesus words in John 3:21 give hope to you today? In what way can you encourage your Life Group participants to live in the manner Jesus refers to here?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Do you believe you must contribute toward your salvation? Are you working hard to gain acceptance from God? What would it take to trust in Jesus?
- In which group, described by Jesus, do you find yourself in today? Have you trusted in the work of Jesus? Have you been born again by the Word and the Spirit of God?
- Does your life reflect the radical changes made by the Spirit? Would those who knew you years ago see a difference in you today?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*