

(1) Take a few minutes and have everyone talk about how they have understood the new birth or being born again. Where did you get your notion of what this entails? Has the way our society has used this language influenced your understanding of it?

(2) Six misunderstandings of being “born again” were mentioned in the sermon. Discuss each of them. Do you find that many in our society and even in the church still believe these false concepts about what it means to be born again? Why do you think this is the case?

(3) So, what exactly is the new birth? What does it mean to be born again?

(4) What did Jesus mean when he said we must be born “of water and spirit”? Is this a reference to water baptism? If not, why not? How does Ezekiel 36:25-26 help us in understanding what Jesus had in mind?

(5) Read Ephesians 2:1-6 and 1 Peter 1:23, 25. What do these texts tell us about what the new birth is and how it comes about?