



Conversations
with Jesus

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
"You Must Be Born Again"
John 3:1-15

SERMON NOTES

FOR MORE ON THIS SERMON SERIES:

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *John 2:23-3:2*. What do we know about Nicodemus? How does *John 2:23-25* point to him?
- 2) Read *John 3:2*. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus at night?
- 3) Many Christians today would claim to be Christians, but they show little evidence of change. What are ways that “Christians” blend themselves with society?
- 4) Read *John 3:3-15*. How did Jesus respond to Nicodemus? Why is it important that we tell people the truth and get straight to the heart of the matter?
- 5) To be born again means to receive help from above. Read *Ephesians 2:1-10*. How has God changed your life?
- 6) Read *John 3:14-15*. What was Jesus referring to here (see *Numbers 21:4-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)?
- 7) There are two other times when Nicodemus later appears. Read *John 7:40-52; 19:38-42*. What happens to Nicodemus? How do we see him going from under cover to becoming a true follower of Jesus?

FOR YOUR FAMILY - We are on Week #11 of Children's Catechism.
Please teach your children questions 19 & 20.

- 1) Memorize *John 3:3* – *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
- 2) Read *John 3:1-5*. Talk with your family about who Nicodemus was and how Jesus talked to him. Discuss what Jesus said to Nicodemus.
- 3) Read *John 19:38-42*. Explain to your family how Nicodemus was a changed man.