

Small Group Discussion Guide
Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Icebreaker:

- Where were you born?
- What stories have you heard about your birth?

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to Jesus by night to learn more about his teachings. This Bible story looks at Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus about spiritual birth and the love of God.

Read: John 3:1-21

1. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
a) *he worked during the day* b) *he couldn't wait until morning* c) *he was afraid of being seen* d) *other*
2. Who is someone Nicodemus remind you of?
a) *a misguided "religious" person* b) *a friend of mine* c) *myself* d) *other*
3. What do you believe Jesus meant when he said you have to be born again to see the kingdom of God?
a) *we have to be able to point to a specific conversion experience* b) *we can only be excepted into God's kingdom by turning our lives over to him* c) *our spirits are destroyed by sin and need God's intervention to be reborn* d) *our spiritual lives have a beginning just like our physical lives*
4. Which of the following describes your openness to the light God sheds on your life?
a) *it's so dark I can't find a light* b) *there's still a lot of me that I want to hide in the darkness* c) *I want to leave the darkness, but the light hurts my eyes* d) *the more I follow the light, the brighter it becomes* e) *I am completely open to God's light and grateful for it*
5. What is the most important point in this passage for you right now?
a) *spiritual rebirth is indeed possible (vs 3-7)* b) *heaven longs for me to believe in Jesus Christ (vs 14-16)* c) *God loves me so much that he gave his only son (v 16)* d) *God does not desire to condemn me, but to save me (vs 17-18)* e) *if I live by the truth, I will come into the light (vs 19-21)*
6. What is your response to Christ's promise of new life?
a) *like Nicodemus, I have some questions* b) *I have claimed the promise and have this life* c) *I need to be born spiritually* d) *other*
7. How can this group support you in prayer this week?