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WEEK 3

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSS



FOCUS VERSES:
JOHN 3:1-6



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ABOUT THE KINGDOM
OF GOD

- Nicodemus didn't understand who Jesus was. He thought he was going to overthrow Rome, not overhaul the heart of humanity. **How do you respond to Jesus telling him he needed to be "born again" in John 3:3? How do you think that's possible?**

WHO IS JESUS?

In John 3:3 and John 3:5 Jesus says that we can not "see" or "enter" the kingdom of God without a second birth.

What do you think the kingdom of God is?

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Read + Reflect

Read John 3:5-8

- Nicodemus was very caught up in the physical impossibility of being born again. Are there areas of faith in Jesus that seem too absurd or strange for you? What might those be?
- Jesus talks about the visible vs. the invisible parts of us as humans. He explains that we are physical *and* spiritual beings. What is one way you've experienced God physically (externally)? Spiritually (inwardly)?

From The Message Version

5-6 Jesus said, “You’re not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation—the ‘wind-hovering-over-the-water’ creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life—it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. When you look at a baby, it’s just that: a body you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can’t see and touch—the Spirit—and becomes a living spirit.

7-8 “So don’t be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be ‘born from above’—out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it’s headed next. That’s the way it is with everyone ‘born from above’ by the wind of God, the Spirit of God.”

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The most famous scripture in the Bible

John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

R.E.A.P

1. Read this verse aloud.
2. *Examine* the text. What motivated God to send his Son? What does belief in that Son provide "whoever" accepts Him?
3. How has the lie of condemnation or shame affected your belief or trust in God? What does this verse say about condemnation?
4. Close your time in prayer.