

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

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Nicodemus - Confused

John 3:1-16, 21

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Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. What was the best gift you ever received? Why was it so special?

2. Bring a baby picture or baby pictures of your children to group and have group members guess whose pictures they are.

Go

(your group on mission)

Ask God to prepare you to speak confidently to others about the role of Jesus in your life. Ask God to open your eyes and heart to where His Spirit is moving people to be born again. What provocative statement or question might you make to help awaken a potential seeker to Jesus?

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Read John 3:1-16, 21.

2. Re-read verses 1-2. What can you find out about Nicodemus in verses 1-2? What is significant about his coming to Jesus? Why did he come at night? What did he believe about Jesus?

3. What two concepts of birth were Jesus and Nicodemus thinking of?

4. Why did Nicodemus respond to Jesus' explanation with such amazement?

5. Why was Jesus equally amazed? See also Jeremiah 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27.

6. What Old Testament story did Jesus use to help point Nicodemus to His (Jesus) identity and His purpose?

7. Why would this story of Moses be particularly appropriate for Jesus to use?

8. How is Jesus' use of the words "born again" similar and different from the way it is used today?

9. Where are you in terms of being "born again" (a barely detectable heartbeat, barely developing, growing rapidly, almost fully formed, or other)? Why?

10. From these verses, what is the role of the Father in our salvation, the role of Jesus in our salvation, the role of the Spirit in our salvation and our "role" in salvation?

11. What is the Spirit's "wind" like in your life today (scale- zero miles per hour to gentle breeze to hurricane force)? How so?

12. Where is the "wind" of the Spirit carrying you?

13. How do you think Nicodemus came away from this conversation with Jesus? Read John 19:38-42. How might John 3:21 be applicable to Nicodemus who first came at night?

Give

(your group serving each other)

Give thanks to Jesus' rescue of you. Discuss some of the ways you can demonstrate Jesus' superiority over all you are and all you have.