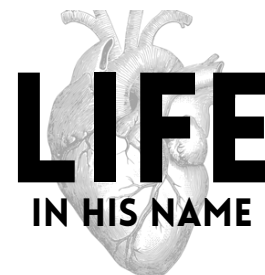


# GROWTH GUIDE

Born Again | John 3:1-21

Week of 10/15/2023



## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: I cannot be saved unless I am born again.

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| 1) I acknowledge my need. John 3:1-5   | 4) I believe in Jesus. John 3:16-18  |
| 2) I respond to the spirit. John 3:6-8 | 5) I walk in the light. John 3:19-21 |
| 3) I look to Jesus. John 3:9-15        |                                      |

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?
  
- 2) Why do you think John mentions in John 3:2 that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night? What's the significance? Is there anything we can learn from Nicodemus? If so, what?
  
- 3) How do we "look to Jesus" in our daily lives to find hope and transformation?
  
- 4) How do you know if you're born again, or how can you be confident you are? Is it a feeling? Memory of something you did? What you believe now? A prayer prayed? Etc. Based on your answer as a group, how is this different than salvation by works?
  
- 5) What role do we play in helping others determine their salvation, when we ourselves can't see what's in people's hearts? What should we do if we're concerned that someone may not be born again?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- 1) Last year in small group we talked about whether we were confident in our salvation. How are you doing in that? Do you have more assurance than last year? Or if you were confident, still confident? Why or why not?
- 2) Consider your recent decisions, actions, and attitudes. How has your belief in Jesus influenced these areas of your life?

## POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for those attending our church and in our communities that don't yet believe in Jesus and walk in the light.
- Ask God to continually remind us of our need for him.
- Jesus help me to look to you when I... (John 3:9-15)

