

John 3:1-18
BE Born Again

Warm Up

If you are a parent, do you remember the birth of your children? How has it changed you?

If you are not a parent, have you become an aunt or uncle or God-parent to an infant? How did you feel?

Background and context

Nicodemus, a highly respected religious leader of the day, comes to Jesus secretly to ask Him questions. He is interested and seeking to know more. Jesus reveals to him that spiritual rebirth must take place if anyone is to see God's kingdom. This was a shock to Nicodemus (and to many people today). Jesus reveals that there are two types of existence, the natural that began with Adam and the spiritual that began with Jesus. One is limited and will fade, the other is eternal.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ John 3:1-18. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. **Read 1 Peter 1:23-25 and 1 Corinthians 15:44-48.** What are the differences between natural life and spiritual life? Which appears to be more desirable?
2. How does Jesus reveal to us the two realms of natural and spiritual in the passage?
3. What was so surprising about Jesus telling Nicodemus that he must be born again? What does it reveal about everyone's need for salvation?
4. Why do people often find it hard to accept that they need salvation? How do we tell the "good" people that their goodness is not going to save them in the spiritual realm?
5. Everyone can have salvation. What is it we all need to do?
6. **Read v16-18.** What is the good news and what is the warning Jesus gives? How would you share this with a non believer?
7. With so many religious and spiritual practices in the world, what makes faith in Jesus unique?
8. How would you share the uniqueness of Jesus to someone who does not know Him?

Discipleship and Application



9. **"Vicky Bs"** is a short hand way of referring to our church. How can we as believers and members **transform** into **Vicky bees** that pollinate and bless our community?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.