

REDISCOVER JESUS. CHURCH. OUR JOURNEY

“The Essentials to Finding Your Way”

Lesson 1 **“Belief In Jesus”** John 3:1-21; John 2:24-25

♥ **Group Opener:** *(Choose a question for your life group to discuss.)*

1. What were you first told about where babies came from? How old were you when you learned the real story?
2. Family reunions, what subject (e.g. politics or religion) is bound to start an argument?

♪ **Worship and Waiting on God:**

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.

✍ **Group Facilitator** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your small group.*

1. What can you find out about Nicodemus in verses 1-2?
2. What is significant about his coming to Jesus? Why at night (see vv. 19-20)? Why was Jesus so direct with him?
3. What does Jesus claim about himself in verses 13-15?
4. From verses 16-18, what stands out to you about God? About what he wants to do? About how a person is condemned? How will belief show itself (vv.15-21)?
5. How does one enter the Kingdom of God?
6. How is Jesus’ use of the words “born again” similar to and different from the way it is used today? How would you define “born again” in your own words?
7. What first aroused your interest in Jesus? Why? Where are you right now in the birthing process of spiritual life: Not yet conceived? Developing, but not so anyone could tell? Heavy with child and waiting? Kicking and screaming like an infant? Growing daily? Explain.
8. When did you begin to see God as saving you rather than condemning you?

✓ **Selah (Stop and Think about it):** *(Take the time to make personal application of this section. Have each member share with the group.)*

- Are you like Nicodemus – religious, but not truly spiritually birthed? Explain. Do you know about Jesus, but you’ve never bowed your knee and asked the Holy Spirit to birth Him in your heart? Remind them that Jesus said that you, “*Must be born again.*” “Must” is a strong word – leaves no room for debate.
- Give a 5 minute clear presentation of the Gospel Message to your Life Group.

- Ask the people in your Life Group to share a brief testimony of how they came to Jesus.
- Make sure that each person understands the Gospel and that they have personally believed in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Pray with anyone who needs to receive Christ as Lord.