

SERMON GUIDE

BORN AGAIN

John 3:1-15

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Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: Think back to a time when something challenged your beliefs or understanding. How did you respond to that challenge?

About the passage: When Jesus talks about being “born of water and the Spirit” (v.5), it is probable that he is referring to the prophecy in Ezekiel 36:25-27. When Jesus makes reference to “the snake in the desert” in verse 14, he is making reference to a story in Numbers 21:4-9.

Read John 3:1-15

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything “illuminated” or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Who is Nicodemus and what is he like? What do you think was motivating him in his talk with Jesus? Why do you think he came at night time?
- O** What does the phrase “born again” mean?* What role does the Holy Spirit seem to play in being born again?
- O** Why does Jesus compare the Spirit to wind? How does this help a person understand life?
- O** What is Jesus saying in verses 14 & 15 when he refers to Moses and the serpent (Numbers 21:4-9)
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Are there any ways you identify with Nicodemus? How would you like to respond to Jesus in similar ways? Different ways?
- A** Is there any unbelief in your life that the words of this passage speak to? What does that unbelief look like in your relationships and life circumstances?
- A** How would you like the Holy Spirit to play more of a role in your life? What would it look like?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.

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The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

*Tim Keller gave this talk on being born again that you may find compelling:

https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/conference_media/you-must-be-born-again/

