



John 3:1-15 You must be born again

1. Setting the scene

- How does John 2:23-25 set the scene for Jesus conversation with Nicodemus?
- What does John want us to know about Nicodemus in 3:1-2?

2. You must be born again by the Spirit (v3-9)

- Why would what Jesus said in reply to Nicodemus have come as such a surprise to him?
- How does v9 help us to understand what Jesus means by being 'born again'? (reading Ezekiel 36:25-27 may be helpful)
- What do we learn about the Holy Spirit's role in someone being born again?
- How would these verses be helpful in talking with someone who thinks being a 'good person' makes them a Christian?
- On Sunday Andrew shared an experience of seeing the Spirit working in someone to bring them to faith. Can you think of an example of this?

3. By believing in the Son of Man who was lifted up (v10-15)

- Why do you think Jesus talks about earthly and heavenly things in v11-12?
 - How is Jesus uniquely qualified to talk of heavenly things?
 - In verses 13–15, Jesus refers to the account of Moses lifting up the snake (see Numbers 21:4-9). What is Jesus trying to get Nicodemus to understand?
 - How does v13-15 show us we can be certain about our place in the Kingdom of God?
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- How does what Jesus teaches here encourage us in evangelism?
 - In what ways has this passage encouraged you and what impact should it have on the way we live?