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1. Who was Nicodemus? Why do you think he came to Jesus by night? How does this apply to our ministries?
2. The phrase “born again” is fairly common in society. What sort of ideas does the world have about its meaning? Is it a good term for us to use today?
3. How is one “born of the Spirit”?
4. Jesus chided Nicodemus for being a teacher and not knowing these things. What does this tell us concerning the role of teachers?
5. Read Numbers 21:4-9 in small groups and discuss these questions:
  - What was the Israelites' sin?*
  - How did God punish them?*
  - What was their response to this punishment?*
  - How did God provide relief?*
  - What similarities are seen between the serpent account and trusting Christ?*
6. What does it mean to be “condemned”? What condemns a person?
7. Why do people like the dark? What steps can be made in order to stay in the light?

<sup>1</sup>There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbit, we know that You are a teacher from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

<sup>18</sup>“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

## Read: John 3:22-36

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**Monday**

22-24 — Both Jesus and John are baptizing. Do you think that this might have caused conflict? Why is it significant that John baptized where there was much water?

**Tuesday**

25,26 — With whom did John's disciples have a dispute? Why do you suppose that they complained about Jesus? Why were they concerned that people were going to Jesus?

**Wednesday**

27,28 — What had John received from Heaven? How did that acknowledgment affect John's attitude?

**Thursday**

29,30 — What was John's role? How hard is it to decrease so that someone else can increase? Why was his statement relevant to his disciple's question in verse 26?

**Friday**

31-33 — Who is from above? How is His message more important?

**Saturday**

34-36 — How does the Father's love for the Son affect us? How can one avoid the wrath of God (v. 36)?

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