



The Gospel of John

Session Six: Nicodemus and the New Birth

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

NICODEMUS AND THE NEW BIRTH

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 3:1-21

1. **NEW** _____ **IS** _____.

John 3:1-9

2. **NEW BIRTH IS** _____ **BY** _____.

John 3:10-15

3. **NEW BIRTH BRINGS US** _____ **THE** _____.

John 3:16-21

APPLY

Think about why Nicodemus came to speak to Jesus in the dark, and what benefit it may have provided for honest conversation. Reflect on a moment when the light of Jesus shone into a dark area of your life. What did that experience show you about God? About yourself?

READING PLAN

- Monday- John 3:1-4
- Tuesday- John 3:5-8
- Wednesday- John 3:9-13
- Thursday- John 3:14-18
- Friday- John 3:19-21

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LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

LESSON #7

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S FINAL TESTIMONY

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 3:22-36

THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

In today's text, we will examine the last account of the public teaching of John the Baptist. Here, John the Baptist's disciples realized that their teacher's influence was waning, and Christ's was increasing. Rather than take offense, John assumed a humble posture of joyful surrender to Christ's lordship and supremacy in all things.

It can be difficult to set aside our own ambitions and plans to allow Jesus's authority and rule in our lives. However, as believers, our eyes are to be fixed on Jesus as we allow Him to be first in our lives and priorities. As John the Baptist famously said in John 3:30, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

In this session, look for opportunities to discuss how we can set aside our personal agendas to passionately follow where Jesus leads. What does it look like to joyfully surrender to Jesus's leadership in all areas of our lives?

THE MAIN IDEA

John the Baptist declared Jesus's preeminence and his own role in preparing the way for Jesus.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

What might be Christ's standard for greatness in this season of your life? In other words, what does faithful obedience look like today? How does that look different than what the world would deem great for you?

