

## John: As I Have Loved You

Week 6: For All the Nicodemuses

Passage: John 3:1-15



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For many Christians this Bible story is very familiar. Pastor Dwain pointed out that we are all Nicodemuses at some point. Nicodemus is someone that projects that his spiritual life is all together, but that starts to unravel as he encounters Jesus. *Take some time to think back to times in your life when you believed that your spirituality was all figured out and Jesus did something to open your eyes and challenge your thinking. How did he open your eyes? Has this happened in your life more than once?*

One of the challenging things that Nicodemus wrestles with is the concept of being “born again”. *Is this a concept that you have struggled with or struggle with still? Re-read verses 5-8. How do these verses help you to understand what Jesus says when he tells Nicodemus that he needs to be “born again” to enter the kingdom of God? In your own words, how would you describe being “born again”?*

In verse 3 Jesus connects “seeing” the kingdom of God with being born again. One of the challenges all of us face is being able to see what is really “real” around us. By really “real” I mean that we have trouble living our lives in a way that reflects the reality that Jesus is the risen and victorious Lord and that we are secure in our position as children of God when we believe in Him. *Why do you think we often struggle with this even after we have confessed Jesus as our Lord and Savior? What does it say about God that He continues to pursue us even when we struggle to see Him?*

One of the incredible things about this story is how unexpected it was for someone of Nicodemus’s status to come to Jesus. *Are there any people that you never thought would come to Jesus, but did? Take time to share those stories and encourage each other with them.*

*Close you time in prayer. Praise God for sending His son to be our example. Praise Him for His patience and grace with us. Ask Him to help you see how His story is intersecting with yours on a daily basis so that your faith in Him will continue to grow.*