

Encountering Jesus
Week 3: Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

1. In what ways is Nicodemus an insider? How is his status an obstacle to following Jesus? When you think of your own church experience, have you been more of an “outsider” or an “insider”? How has that affected your spiritual growth?
2. What strikes you about the ways in which Jesus interacts with Nicodemus? How is his approach different from his approach with the Samaritan woman? What does this reveal about Jesus?
3. What does it mean to be “born again”? What has been your personal experience with this term and with the famous verse John 3:16?
4. What does Jesus teach Nicodemus? How does Nicodemus respond in this moment? Look ahead to **John 7:45-52** and **John 19:38-42**. How does he respond later? What is his testimony to us?
5. What does Jesus teach us about the Holy Spirit here? Read **Galatians 5:22-26**. How is “keeping in step with the Spirit” different from working hard to obey the law? How have you grown or struggled in the past six months?
6. How does this encounter with Jesus both encourage and challenge you today?