

The Gospel Of John

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever had a friend who always said weird things? What were some of the things they would say?

CONTEXT

In this passage, we find an interaction between Nicodemus (a pharisee) and Jesus. Jesus introduces a phrase that confuses Nicodemus but shows us that our spiritual birth, not physical, matters in the Kingdom of God.

PASSAGE

John 3:1-15

DISCUSS

What are some things you notice about Nicodemus' initial interaction with Jesus? Does anything stand out or seem odd? Why or why not?

When was the first time you heard the phrase "born again"? What was your initial reaction to hearing this phrase?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Nicodemus is confused by Jesus' statement and questions how being "born again" could be possible. Why is he confused about what Jesus said? How would you explain to someone what being "born again" means?

In verses 5-8, Jesus provides an explanation of his use of the phrase "born again". What are the illustrations that he uses? What does he mean? Are these illustrations helpful in your understanding of the phrase "born again"? Why or why not?

In verses 9-15, we see that Nicodemus is still confused by Jesus' response. What are some things that you notice from this interaction? What do these responses tell us about Jesus? What do they tell us about Nicodemus?

NEXT STEPS

Understanding this interaction between Jesus and Nicodemus gives us some insight into what the "Nicodemus" in our life may be experiencing when we try to share the gospel. What is one key takeaway that you believe will help you better share the gospel?