THAT YOU MAY KNOW

You Must Be Born Again John 3:1-15 February 13, 2022

You must be born again. - John 3:7

I. NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS AT NIGHT (3:1-2)

- Nicodemus is in spiritual darkness.
- Nicodemus does not know who Jesus truly is... yet.

II. JESUS TEACHES WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN (3:3-7)

- Those not born again do not understand (John 3:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:14).
- God gives the new birth (John 3:5-6; Ezekiel 36:25-27).

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SOVEREIGN (3:8-10)

- The Holy Spirit blows where he wishes to give new birth (John 3:8).
- Man does not determine the way people enter the kingdom of God. God does! (John 3:9-10).
- Creation teaches us salvation (Genesis 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6).
- God makes us a new creation and makes us spiritually alive in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-5).
- Don't miss the Jesus of the Bible (John 5:39-40).

IV. THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST (3:11-15)

- The gospel is teaching from heaven, not earth (John 3:11-12).
- Jesus is the eternal Son of God and the Son of Man (John 3:13).
- Jesus will be lifted up so those who believe in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-15).
- Jesus is the King of the Kingdom of God (John 1:49; Philippians 2:9-11).
- Bow your heart to King Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

KNOW: You must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. Only God can give spiritual life to spiritually dead people.

DO: If you are born again, praise and thank God every day that he gave you spiritual life. Live a daily life of repentance and faith for God's glory out of gratitude for who King Jesus is and what he has done.

Suggested Reading:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 3:1-15

- 1. What was your biggest take-away point of application from the sermon?
- 2. Why must a person be born again to enter the Kingdom of God?
- 3. How would you explain to someone that they must be born again in simple language?
- 4. Why do people who aren't born again not understand the gospel and what it means to be born again? (1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:4-6) Why don't they want to truly understand? (John 3:19; Romans 1:18). How should all of this inform your evangelism efforts?
- If you are born again, how should knowing that your spiritual birth is all of God's doing and therefore all of grace affect your daily life? Be specific.
- How does creation teach us salvation (Gen. 1:1-3; 2 Cor. 4:4-6)?
- 7. Make it a point to praise and thank God every day for who he is and the gospel.