

**Rebirth**  
**4G: John, the Maverick Gospel (Message 7)**  
**John 3:1-21**

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to Jesus by night to learn more about his teachings. This bible story looks at Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus about spiritual birth.

Optional icebreakers - Where were you born? What stories have you heard about your birth?

Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

- He worked during the day.
- He couldn't wait until morning.
- He was afraid of being seen.
- He wanted time alone with Jesus.
- other. \_\_\_\_\_

Who is someone Nicodemus reminds you of?

- A philosophy student.
- A misguided religious person.
- A friend of mine.
- Myself.
- other. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe Jesus meant when he said you have to be born again to see the kingdom of God?

Which of the following describes your openness to the light God sheds on your life?

- It is so dark I cannot find a light.
- There is still a lot of me that I want to hide in the darkness.
- I want to leave the darkness but the light hurts my eyes.
- The more I followed the light, the brighter it becomes.
- I'm completely open to god's light and grateful for it.
- Other. \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus claim about himself in vs. 13-15?

From vs. 16- 18, what stands out to you about God? About what he wants to do? About how a person is condemned?

How is Jesus' use of the words "born again" similar to and different from the way it is used today? How would you define "born again" in your own words?

Jesus came because of god's love to save, not to condemn. Why, then, do most people hate him? vs 19- 21

What is the most important point in this passage for you right now?

Spiritual rebirth is possible.

Heaven is waiting for those who believe in Christ Jesus.

God loved us enough to give us his Son.

God doesn't desire to condemn us, but to save us.

If we live by the truth, we will come into the light.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_