



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Magnify God's Forgiveness:*

Jesus and Nicodemus

Text: John 3:1-16

Service Date: July 20, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Imagine you had the opportunity to ask Jesus anything. What would you ask Him?
- Take a moment to read the sermon text (John 3:1-16). From either the passage or Sunday sermon, what reflections/thoughts come to mind?

Sermon Discussion

- Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. Why do you think he, a religious leader, came to Jesus at night and not during the day?
- Paul noted there was something that drew Nicodemus to want to have a conversation with Jesus. It might be said he had a curiosity. How would you currently describe your faith right now- curious, stagnant, growing, non-existent, something else? How would those around you describe your faith?
- Nicodemus didn't not approach Jesus publicly. It might make someone wonder if his personal questions about Jesus had caused his personal faith (and questions) to be different than what he tried to portray in public. Do you think that most Christians are the same spiritually in private as they try to make themselves out to be in public?
- If every Christian was transparent in their faith on Sundays in front of others and didn't pretend, do you believe this would change the way the church worships, fellowships, and witnesses?
- "Jesus provided a radical requirement." Following Jesus should be radical, but unfortunately, many Christians try to follow Jesus without understanding that it comes with a cost. In reflecting upon what you've given to follow

Jesus, would you said it's come with a cost or that your faith has always just "gone along" without ever having to sacrifice?

- Paul said in the sermon, "Jesus flipped the idea of the physical into the spiritual and talked about *relationship* over *religion*." It can be easy going through the spiritual motions of being a Christian without ever having a sacrificial, growing relationship with Him. To you, what does it mean to have a growing relationship with Jesus?
 - "After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized" (John 3:22). This verse comes immediately after the text of Jesus interacting with Nicodemus and saying that he must be "born of the water and spirit" (vs. 6). Do you think there's any coincidence in verse 22 talking about baptism right after Jesus had told Nicodemus what he must do to be born again?
 - The sermon addressed how Nicodemus' journey started with some doubt. If someone was to struggle with wanting to follow Jesus but had doubts (i.e. not being ready, not knowing the Bible well enough, etc.), what would you tell them? Do you think there will always be some individuals who give excuses about why they can't follow Jesus completely, sometimes using doubt as the rationale?
 - John 19:39 seems to imply Nicodemus may have become a follower of Jesus. Looking back upon your life, what you say to someone who asks what difference Jesus has made in your life?
 - Whose spiritual life are you currently investing? How can your group pray for that person?
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