

## Living the Victory

- **For New Groups:** Spend some time getting to know each other before you dive into the bible study questions.
- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
  - Were all your answers the same or was the answer different for different people?
  - What do you think is the source of the differences in answers?
- Read John 3:1-17
  - Do you think there is a difference between believing that God loves the world in a general sense and that God loves you personally?
  - Why do you think it is important to note that Nicodemus "snuck" to Jesus in the middle of the night when he could not be seen?

Nicodemus was not just any "teacher of Israel". He was part of the inner circle of Jewish leaders. His considerable social advantages included education, wealth, and access to the limited power available to Jews under Roman rule.

- How does this knowledge of who Nicodemus was affect how you read this story? What does this
  context add?
- In this passage Jesus explains salvation like being born again. List the ways this is true.
  - What do you think being born of water and spirit mean? A new kind of baptism
  - Does anyone know what happens during a baptism?
    - Read Romans 6:1-10
    - How does this scripture explain why we do baptism?
    - Has anyone been baptized before? What was your experience?
- Pastor Dave taught us that salvation is about living the victory that Jesus has won for you. Baptism is a part of that. If baptism sounds like a step anyone in the group wants to take sign up right now on the app or the website. A pastor will call and talk with you about it.