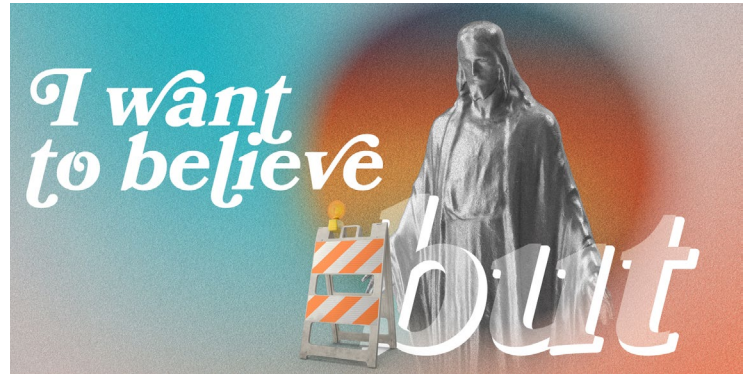


## I'm Blinded by Religion



### ***Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.***

- What “old person” things do you do?
- What are your favorite songs from your teenage years that you still rock out to when nobody else is listening?
- If you had to choose between only having a cell phone or a car for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

### ***Start Thinking.***

- Read John 3:1-21.
- When have you felt like you wanted to start life all over again?
- What is required to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5-6)
- Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:17)
- How would you describe what it means to be born again to someone?
- How does God’s gift of His Son affect our lives?

### ***Start Sharing.***

- If we could see ourselves and the world the way God does, how might that change our thoughts, words, and actions?
- Read Ezekiel 36:25–27 and 37:9–10 in light of Nicodemus’ ignorance. How can we help one another to not miss vitally important things in the Scriptures?
- What areas of your life are still hiding in the dark? How is God asking you to expose remaining sin to the light so that you can experience his grace? Who do you need to meet with and talk to this week?
- Are there any “religions” you grew up with that are different from what you believe now?

### ***Start Doing***

- What is God calling you to do for Him?
- Is God calling you to any practical application? What positive steps can you take? Is there any active repentance necessary?
- Pray/Recite Ephesians 3:16-21
  - 'I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to

understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.'

CHURCH NEEDS:

- Youth Ministry needs male and female leaders (Contact Pastor Rod)
- More Life Group Leaders (We are growing so more groups are NEEDED)

EVENTS TO PROMOTE/PRAY OVER:

- Block Party
- FOR919
- Easter Sunday is coming.