



Lesson Title: A Conversation with Nicodemus

Scripture Focus: John 3:14–15

The Lesson in Context

Jesus' invitation to experience new birth still extends to us today. When we are spiritually dying in our sin, Jesus invites us to look up, behold Him, and believe on Him and the power of His sacrifice on the cross. As we believe on Him, we then act in obedience to God's Word and experience the wonder of being born again of the water and the Spirit. As we go down into the waters of baptism with repentant hearts, Jesus' sacrifice pays our debt of sin. As we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we rise into newness of life and discover the mercy, grace, and joy that come with entering into a holy covenant with Jesus Christ.

Jesus' imagery of being born again has such beauty. Although we were first born into sin, we can be born again into righteousness. After our new birth, sin no longer has dominion over our lives. (See Romans 6:14.) In II Corinthians 5, Paul wrote that "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The new birth gives us a clean page, allowing God to write a new chapter in our lives. Past sins, regrets, and doubts can fade behind us as we embark on a brand-new life empowered by the Spirit.

Group Discussion

1. If you were Nicodemus, how would you have opened up a conversation with Jesus?
2. What preconception has God ever overturned that you had about Him?
3. Considering how the Jews revered Moses, why do you think Jesus drew a connection between Himself and Moses while talking to Nicodemus?
4. If you have experienced the new birth, how has it changed your life?
5. If you have ever been belittled for taking a stand for Jesus, how did you respond?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
