

Small Group Discussion Guide

Easter

April 6 & 9, 2023

- Start Talking What is your favorite Easter memory from your childhood?
- Main Idea Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a Jewish man who was legalistic about following Jewish laws and was a member of the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, the final court of appeals for matters regarding Jewish law and religion. Nicodemus is mentioned three times in the book of John:
 - 1. When he confronts Jesus at night about what it means to have "new life"
 - 2. When he suggests Jesus should not be found guilty and condemned
 - 3. After Jesus's crucifixion, when he assists in Jesus' burial with 75 pounds of spices

Nicodemus' encounters with Jesus lead us to believe he was searching for more in life and was starting to think that perhaps Jesus was the Savior of the world.

Personalize It 1. Can you think

- 1. Can you think of a time you had enough faith to investigate but not enough to believe?
- 2. What tends to make you feel like you are being buried? Shame? Pain? Insignificance? Sin?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:17. If it is true and Jesus is the One and Only who conquered sin and death and now offers the gift of life for those who believe and receive, what is the full implication of what that means to you?
- Let's Do It 1. What is a daily habit you need to develop to keep the power and hope of Easter alive in your life every day?
 - 2. What is your next step? Baptism? Getting Started? Serving others?
- Pray Father, we love You. Thank You for sending Your son Jesus to conquer sin and death on our behalf. Thank You for setting us free so we can have life and be born again. We love You and praise You. Amen
- Key Scriptures John 19:38-42 John 3:6 Luke 24:5-6 1 Corinthians 15:17 John 3:16-17