



**SO WHAT?** (application): Here we move toward first-person pronouns as we begin to consider how we must respond to what God has said in His Word.

1. **You can hardly fault Nicodemus for being confused at Jesus’s assertion that he must be “born again” to enter the Kingdom of God.** He apparently takes Jesus literally and wonders how it is possible for an adult to be given birth by his mother a second time.
  - How is being “born again” spiritually *similar* to being born physically?
  - How are the two experiences *different*?
  
2. **Jesus indicates that this work of the Spirit is ultimately mysterious, not something that can be replicated under laboratory conditions.**
  - What happens to a person when he/she is “born again”?
  - How can a person know if he/she has been “born again”?
  - On a practical level, does a person’s being “born again” mean that he or she will never again be tempted to sin?
  - If not, what is the point of being “born again”?
  
3. **How has the grace of God made a difference in your life?** If you, like many others, came to faith at a very young age, you probably cannot point to specific changes in your behavior (“stopped going out for milk with the boys”). But, knowing your own predilection for sin and thinking about what kind of person you would now be apart from the work, you can speculate on how the work of the Spirit changed the *trajectory* of your life when you were young.