

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 2 of Encounters

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Jesus revealed as the One who brings new birth — calling us to be transformed, to believe in Him, and to walk fully in the light.

1. The Encounter with Nicodemus

- Nicodemus recognized that Jesus was from God, but his understanding was still incomplete. He came with curiosity, not yet surrender.

Discuss:

- Where do you see yourself in Nicodemus' approach to Jesus? Curious, cautious, or surrendered?

2. The Command: You Must Be Born Again

- Jesus makes it clear that new birth is required. It's not optional and not something we can produce ourselves. It must come from the Spirit.

Discuss:

- Why is the idea of being "born again" sometimes hard to understand or accept?
- How does acknowledging our need make room for real transformation?

3. The Means: Jesus Must Be Lifted Up

- Just as the serpent was lifted up in the wilderness, Jesus would be lifted up so that all who look to Him would live.

Discuss:

- What does it mean to "look to Jesus" in faith daily? Why do you think God designed salvation to come through belief rather than performance?

4. The Response: You Must Walk in the Light

- Walking in the light means living openly before God, allowing Him to transform us and make our lives reflect Him.

Discuss:

- Why can it feel easier to stay in the dark than step into the light?
- How can community help you live more honestly and fully in the light?

