

SERMON SERIES: ONE ON ONE WITH JESUS

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Key Line

“Jesus and the Scholar”

Introduction

Last week we read John 1:35-50 where we learned from the story of Jesus and the Sceptic that a relationship with Jesus is something to be experienced. This week we continue by learning from Nicodemus as he transforms his faith understanding in John 3.

- Did you have any experiences this last week where you had to have a one on one conversation with Jesus?

Seek the Word

Read John 3:1-17

- In verses 1 and 2 one can recognize that there are differences in “credentials” that Jesus and Nicodemus have, what are they and why are important to acknowledge?
- How does Jesus’ conversation in verses 3-7 to the Jews cause questions about what they have been taught?

Read John 7:45-51

- Nicodemus became a defender of faith and not a doubter, what made him change perspectives?

Go Deeper

Using Logos, the Blue Letter Bible app, or even on the internet, do a Biblical word study over “born again” in John 3:3 and see where it is used elsewhere within the Bible. Also, attempt to recognize who is speaking about it and why this might be Jesus’ choice of terminology.

Talk About It

- Bible teaches us so much about who Jesus is and what we are called to do, what is something that changed your perspective or understanding of Christianity? (ex: communion, baptism, prayer, worship...)
- Even those who have seen the signs and wonders of who Jesus is desired to know more of Him, what could it look like to know Him better in your own life?
- How has your faith been put in a box in the past or even currently? Whether you grew up believing something else or whatever it might be.

Wrap Up

Reminder: God is bigger than the box that we put Him in.

Challenge: We are called to shift from “doubter to defender to disciple” and that takes accountability. If you have not yet, take time to pray about signing up for a Rooted group.