

# Key Takeaways and Discussion Questions



## Key Takeaways:

1. Faith often develops in phases: secret, questioning, and choice.
2. Even religious leaders like Nicodemus can struggle with understanding spiritual truths.
3. Jesus invites us to be "born again" spiritually, not just physically.
4. True faith requires more than knowledge; it demands a relationship with Jesus.
5. Sometimes we miss seeing Jesus because we're focused on the wrong things.

## Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions three phases of faith: secret, questioning, and choice. Which phase do you relate to most in your current spiritual journey? Why?
2. Nicodemus was a highly educated religious leader, yet he struggled to understand Jesus' teachings. How does this challenge our assumptions about faith and knowledge?
3. Jesus told Nicodemus he must be "born again." What do you think this means practically in our lives today?
4. The sermon mentions how easy it is to "miss" Jesus, like pastor Peter initially missed seeing the Flatiron Building. In what areas of your life might you be overlooking Jesus' presence?

5. Nicodemus eventually showed public support for Jesus by helping with his burial. What might be holding you back from publicly acknowledging your faith?
6. The sermon emphasizes that God is more concerned with our hearts than our productivity. How can we shift our focus from "doing" to "being" in our relationship with God?

#### Practical Applications:

1. This week, take time to reflect on which phase of faith you're in. Journal about your thoughts and feelings regarding your spiritual journey.
2. Choose one area of your life where you may be "missing" Jesus (e.g., work, relationships, leisure time). Make a conscious effort to invite His presence into that area.
3. If you're in the "questioning" phase, write down your top three questions about faith. Share them with the group or a trusted spiritual mentor.
4. Practice "slowing down" to focus on God. Set aside 10 minutes each day this week for silent reflection or prayer, asking God to reveal Himself to you.
5. If you feel comfortable, share one way you can publicly acknowledge your faith this week (e.g., sharing a testimony, inviting someone to church, posting about your beliefs on social media).