



THE
ORIGINAL
JESUS

LIFEGroup Study Guide



John 3:1-21 // Dr. Phil Jesus

Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- What connotations did you associate with being “Born again” previously on your journey?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- **HEAD - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.**
- Read John 3:1-21
- Nicodemus was a man of great religious devotion. However, Jesus teaches a devout religious man that he must be “born again” (John 3:3). What does this say about the role that religious devotion plays in obtaining salvation?
- Who is it that brings about the new birth (John 3:6)?

- In the early church, Christian baptism in the Name of the Trinity was associated with the Spirit's coming. Please read Acts 2:37-39.
- **HEART - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**
- Some believe that Jesus simply came to give us principles for Christian living. In what way did the Jesus of the Gospels bring more than this?
- What is the risk of someone believing that Jesus is simply a good moral teacher, but has never been born again?
- **HANDS - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.**
- The Spirit plays a significant role in the life of a believer in Christ. In what ways can the believer depend upon or activate the Spirit's power in their life?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you've encountered it in this week's Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How's your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?