

You hold my eyes open. (John 3:1-2)

You're going to crash. (John 3:3-8)

A heart to heart with Jesus (John 3:9-15)

You're either a believer or a believer. (John 3:16-21)

John the Baptist: "Nicodemus, watch and learn." (John 3:22-35)

Memory Verse: John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Food for Thought for the week of June 3, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. What preceded Nicodemus' visit to Jesus at night? What might have been going on in his heart and mind?
2. In what areas of your own life do you have questions for which you think Jesus might have an answer? Discuss or think about the ways that God has been "holding your eyes open" or keeping you spiritually awake.
3. Jesus wastes no time and goes for the spiritual nerve when He tells Nicodemus the truth about his own spiritual well-being. How has He done this for you in the past? Is He doing it right now?
4. We are guarded as human beings and careful about having deep conversations. Even with those we love, we can self-edit our true thoughts and not reveal everything. How does this affect your conversations with Jesus?
5. The end of chapter 2 told us there were people who "believed" that Jesus wasn't willing to entrust Himself to them. How can this be fixed? Are there different levels of belief?
6. What does John mean in verse 18 when he says that people who have not believed in Jesus are condemned already? How can "good" people already be judged before they have lived their whole life?
7. John the Baptist steps forward as a contrast to Nicodemus. What stood out to you about how he saw his own life and ministry?
8. Spend some time talking to Jesus. Remember that Nicodemus probably spent all night with Him. What does He want to talk about? How will you respond when He hits the nerve of your soul?