

You might be wrong

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Scripture

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.” “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked. Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things?”
John 3:1-10 NLT

Four things to carry home

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Seven Miracle/Signs in John

1. Turning water into wine (2:1-11)
2. Healing the Official’s Son (4:43-54)
3. The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9)
4. The Feeding of the 5000 (John 6:1-5).
5. Walking on the Water (John 6:16-25).
6. Healing The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41).
7. Raising Lazarus From The Dead (John 11:1-44).

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the Pharisees sent Nicodemus to visit with Jesus? Why does John want us to know he approached Jesus after dark?
2. What do you think was the most challenging thing Jesus said to him? How does the conversation impact the way you think about Jesus?
3. What do you think about when you hear “you must be born again?” How did the message broaden the way you think about it?
4. What moments in life have been significant turning points for you? What do you think about being born again as an ongoing experience?
5. What is the difference between having a fixed faith or a fluid faith? What are the potential pitfalls of having a fixed faith?

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