

JOHN

May 10, 2026 | John 3:1-12

1. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. Why do you think he chose to come then? Have there been times when you wanted to know more about Jesus but felt hesitant, embarrassed, or unsure what others might think? What does this story teach us about how Jesus responds to honest seekers?

2. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are “born again.” What do you think that means? How is spiritual rebirth different from simply trying to be a “good person”? What does it look like to depend on God the way a newborn depends on others?

3. Nicodemus believed his heritage and religious performance made him right with God. What are some things people today trust in instead of Jesus?

Success	Family background	Morality	Church attendance
Being “better” than others		Why is grace sometimes difficult for people to accept?	

4. Read verses 5–8 again. What stands out to you about the role of the Holy Spirit in a person’s life? How have you personally experienced the Holy Spirit guiding, convicting, comforting, or strengthening you? For newer believers: what questions do you still have about the Holy Spirit?

5. Jesus challenged Nicodemus even though he was highly educated and respected. Why do you think knowledge alone is not enough to follow Jesus? How can someone know a lot about God but still miss a relationship with Him? What helps move faith from “head knowledge” to real trust?

6. In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that salvation comes through trusting Him, not earning it. Why is that both freeing and challenging? Do you tend to lean more toward trusting God’s grace or trying to “earn” His approval? How does understanding grace change the way we live and relate to others?