WARM-UP QUESTION

Throughout Red Letter Talks, we'll be studying stories from the book of John. What's your favorite story from the book of John? If you aren't familiar with John or it has been a while since you studied it, check out <u>these two videos</u> from the Bible Project.

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read John 3:1-8

- What details do you notice about Nicodemus and his conversation with Jesus?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian?
- The New Testament word for Spirit is translated as pneuma: a wind, current of air, or a blast of breath. How does this definition enhance your understanding of verse 8?
- Do you live with an awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life? If so, how do you see Him show up in your life? If not, what can you do this week to be more aware of the Spirit?

Read <u>John 3:9-15</u>

- How do you see Jesus push Nicodemus when it comes to belief? What does this teach us about what belief should look like in our lives with it comes to our faith?
- Read verses 13 and 14 again. If you aren't familiar with this story, read <u>Numbers 21:6-9</u>.
 Why do you think Jesus mentioned Moses to Nicodemus? What is He telling Nicodemus with this reference?
- What does Jesus say it takes to have eternal life? Is it easy or hard for you to believe this truth?

Read John 3:16-17

- These are two of the most common Bible verses in our culture. Slow down and read them again. What stands out to you that you might not have noticed before?
- What do these verses teach you about God's character?
- What do these verses teach you about the relationship between God and Jesus? Why was it necessary for Jesus to come to earth?
- Where do you see hope in these verses? Who do you need to share that hope with this week?

TAKE ACTION

Over and over in Scripture, we see the importance of knowing and doing. Take some time to make an individual commitment statement ("I will...") based on what you've learned this week.

Spend a few minutes praying as a group, asking God to show you what He's saying and what you need to obey. Then after praying, share your "I will" statements, keeping them as simple and practical as possible.

Maybe God is calling someone in your group to be baptized by immersion. To learn more about baptism and connect with a staff member about next steps, check out <u>our website</u>.