

MESSAGE RECAP

In John 3, Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus—a man who appears to have it all together from the outside, but Jesus knows what's going on underneath the surface. We can fool a lot of people, yet all of us are guilty of holding back a portion of ourselves or not revealing all that's going on inside our hearts. Jesus looks past the exterior to what's underneath. The only way to have a relationship with Him is to be completely remade, to start over and be born again. Jesus didn't come to reform; He came to completely transform.

WARM UP QUESTION

Share about the funniest gag gift you've ever received or April Fool's joke you've been a part of.

- Read <u>John 3:1-4.</u> What are your first impressions of Nicodemus? If you were in Nicodemus's shoes, how would you react to Jesus's statement in verse 3? How do you think His statement differed from what Nicodemus expected to hear?
- **Read John 3:5-8.** What do you think about Jesus's statement in verse 6: "Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life"? How does it make you feel? Does it change anything in how you respond to or interact with Jesus? If so, how?
- What stands out to you in John 3:8 about Jesus's analogy of wind? What are some things you've encountered that you know to be true, but that are hard to comprehend or explain from a human perspective? Does that make it easier or harder for you to trust God? Explain.
- Read <u>John 3:9-15</u>. Nicodemus appeared to have it all together, yet He didn't understand the "heavenly things" Jesus was explaining to Him. What are some ways you give off the impression that you have it all together? Are there any areas in your life where you need the redemptive work of Jesus to bring new spiritual life? Share and pray about those together as a group.

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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