



## FaceTime Week #1 - Nicodemus

We all have things that keep us up at night. Things on our minds, hearts and to-do lists. But here's a question that is too important to ignore: Who is Jesus? And what does his identity mean for you? Whether you've been following Jesus for 40 years or 40 seconds, Jesus invites you to FaceTime with him. Keep pursuing him until you can say that, because of Jesus, you are living a completely new life. Watch the full message at [wschurch.org/watch](http://wschurch.org/watch).

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? I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man<sup>[e]</sup> has come down from heaven. And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:1-17 (NLT)

### **Icebreaker and Intro Questions:**

1. When was the last time you had a surprising encounter with someone? (For example: Maybe you were meeting them for the first time or someone blessed you in an unexpected way.)
2. What resonated with you from Sunday’s service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

### **Discussion Questions**

3. Read John 3:1-17. Give everyone several minutes to read and underline anything that resonates with them. Encourage everyone to read the story more than once. Then spend some time sharing: what stands out to you most? What do you notice about Jesus?
4. Nicodemus had been paying attention to Jesus for a while, but asked to meet with him secretly. He eventually decided that the questions keeping him up at night were too important to ignore, and he asked to meet with Jesus. If you could meet with Jesus, what question would you ask him?
5. Jesus talked to Nicodemus about being born again. Eddie shared that we know we are born again because everything in our lives has changed & that we are being renewed day by day. Have you experienced this? How have you seen God at work making you new?

### **This week:**

- The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. During our FaceTime series, we’ll use clips from this series to allow us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. [Visit The Chosen’s website](#) for options of how to watch.
- As a church, we want to intentionally spend time with God this summer, letting him shape us as we move into a new and unique season. Set aside some time to use [this prayer guide](#) as a way to come close to God.

### **Notes:**