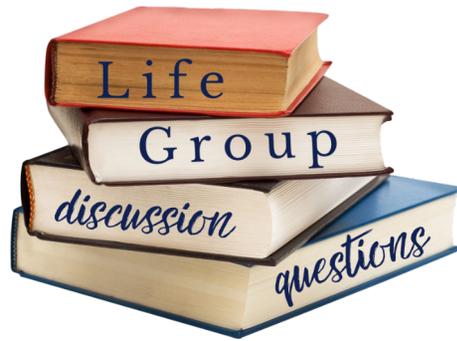


OPENING DISCUSSION

What is something that might look real and authentic but is really fake?

How can you tell the difference between the authentic and the fake?



SERMON

What is one part of Nicodemus' story that changed the way you look at your own story with Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus ignored the pleasantries and jumped straight to the heart of Nicodemus' issue?

How do you think Nicodemus felt being outed as a fake worshipper of God? In the long run, do you think he came to appreciate Jesus' blunt approach?

Why do you think Nicodemus was so confused about Jesus' words?

Can you relate to Nicodemus' situation of believing he had it all together but really did not?

APPLICATION

How can you tell if you are actually born again? What are the signs of being a born again believer? Are you confident you have been born again? If not, will you allow Jesus to transform you today?

How can you tell if you are growing in your faith? Consider the questions asked in the sermon:

1. Do you seek out God more and more in prayer, in His Word, and in worship (both private and corporate)?
2. Are you desiring to sin less and honor God more?
3. Are you more patient and loving with others, especially with your enemies?

How would you answer these questions?

Why do you think it took Nicodemus 3 years to go public with his faith in Jesus?

Are you encouraged by the idea it is never too late to come to Jesus? Who is someone you know that is still in process? How might you help them come to Jesus?

How will you live out this passage in the coming week?

Not a part of a Life Group at North Hills? Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting. When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that everyone will be glad you came!
<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>



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Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:1-15

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Summer Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus

Nicodemus

John 3:1-15

BIG IDEA:

Nicodemus' _____ teaches us what it means to be a true _____ of God.

1. You must be _____ again. (John 3:1-4)

2. You must be _____. (John 3:5-8)

3. You must _____. (John 3:9-15)

RESPONSE:

Are you a true Christian? Have you been born again? Are you maturing? Do you believe?

Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages

<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>

Josh & Melissa
luau wedding
shower &
going away
party



Sunday, June 27, 3-5 PM
North Hills - Dodson Hall
The couple is registered at
Target and Amazon.
Please bring dessert or
fruits.

Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find special new boxes when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes. Please note the boxes will remain out for 20 minutes after the service.

Outdoor Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, please go to the Preschool Playground in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

Night of Prayer and Worship

Join us as we begin this new chapter with a night of prayer and worship on June 26 at 6 PM.

Let us **RISE AGAIN** together

as the world re-opens,
as California re-opens,
and as churches re-open.



Annual Church Business Meeting

We invite you to attend the Annual Church Business Meeting on Sunday, June 27, to hear what ministry has been planned for the upcoming ministry year and approve the budget for 2021-2022. While the effects of COVID-19 have lessened in recent months, there are still people who are unable to come in-person for the meeting. In light of this, the meeting will be on Zoom at 12:30 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: 889 9138 4402 | Passcode: 297334

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SUNDAY, JULY 4 @ NOON
OUTDOOR BBQ AT THE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND