



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of May 17, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

John 3:1-18 *The Necessity of New Birth*

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² 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." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ 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?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ 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."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

- Every service at WEPC begins with a *Call to Worship*, this week from [Isaiah 2:2-3.5](#) These verses envision the nations of the world finally gathered to worship the LORD and eagerly hear His Word. **When did God first open your ears to hear the message of the Gospel?**
- This week, 2nd graders who participated in the WEPC Worship Lab were commissioned by the church. Going forward this group will join their parents and the larger congregation for worship each Sunday. If you were encouraging one of those children, **what would you tell them about the purpose and privileges of gathered worship?**
- In every worship service, we sing songs to God that agree with the message preached to the church. This week we introduced *The Comfortable Words*: [listen to the song](#) or [read the lyrics](#). Are these words of Jesus from Matthew 11 and John 3 a comfort to you? Why?
- This week, Matt Bouknight preached from **John 3:1-18**. **What things mark personal revival? How would you know that the Holy Spirit had revived you? How would you know if He revived our church? How do you know if you are "born again"?**
- **Pray that hearts at WEPC will be made new.** Do you need to become a Christian? To be renewed as a follower of Jesus? To change, believe, or to repent? Hint: The answer is "Yes", and you can ask Jesus to meet with you right now!