



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of June 7, 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 3:1-15 *The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up*

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.

- In every worship service, we read an Old Testament passage that is a companion to the New Testament sermon text. This week we read [Numbers 21:4-9](#) (referenced by Jesus in [John 3:14](#)).
 - **What is happening to the people of Israel?** (4)
 - **What are the people complaining about?** (5)
 - **How does the Lord respond?** (6)
 - The people come to Moses, admitting that their complaints against the Lord and him were sin. They ask Moses to pray for the Lord to take away the serpents from them. **How does the Lord respond?** (7-8)
 - The Lord instructs Moses to make a fiery serpent and put it on a pole, thus giving the children of Israel a way to live, despite the deadly bites of the fiery serpents. **What do the children of Israel who were bitten have to do to live?** (9)
 - **How does the bronze serpent on the pole point us to Jesus Christ?**
- This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [John 3:11-15](#). **What does Jesus mean when He says that the Son of Man must be “lifted up” (14)? What is the connection between the Jesus being lifted up and the gift of eternal life (15)?**
- Each Sunday, the congregation sings the *Doxology* at the conclusion of the worship service. [Listen](#) to the song or [sing/read the lyrics](#). The words *doxology* is derived from two Greek words meaning “glory” and “word.” A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today’s doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature. **What blessings do you see flowing from the Father, Son, and Spirit today? Praise God for those blessings.**
- **Pray that hearts at WEPC will be made new.** Look to Jesus, and live. Ask Him for faith to believe that He delivers His people. 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!