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## **NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT**

Hope changes everything.

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## **ICE BREAKER**

What is one worship song or lyric that has really spoken to your heart?

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## **BACKGROUND**

We begin this new sermon series with a look at John 3:1-21 which recounts Jesus' nighttime conversation with Nicodemus. This passage highlights the necessity of spiritual rebirth ("born again"), the role of the Holy Spirit, and the central promise of salvation through Jesus Christ, culminating in the well-known assurance of eternal life in John 3:16.

We end this sermon with a look at the detailed account of the burial of Jesus (John 19:38-42). This passage of scriptures outlines the steps taken by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus to care for Jesus' body following his crucifixion. The burial was done in accordance with Jewish customs and crucial timing as it was the day of preparation for the Sabbath.

## **REVIEW**

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?



**KEY VERSES:** John 3:3

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

**READ:** John 3:1-21, 19:38-42



**HEAD LEVEL:** *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. According to John 3:17, why did Jesus come into the world? How does this inform your understanding of His purpose?
2. If Jesus is the "only Son" of God (John 1:18, 3:16 and 3:18), why does Romans 8:14 say, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God"?
3. What did Jesus mean by His statement in John 3:13?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

Who is Joseph of Arimathea and where was he when Jesus was crucified (see Luke 23:50-51 and Mark 15:43-45)? What is the significance of the quantity of myrrh and aloes Nicodemus brought to the tomb in John 19:39?



**HEART LEVEL:** *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. How does trying to earn your salvation by being a good person contradict the Old Testament sacrificial system? The New Testament salvation?
2. How does the analogy of the bronze serpent relate to Jesus' crucifixion and our salvation?
3. What does Pilate's giving the body of Jesus to Joseph of Arimathea imply and at what personal cost to Joseph of Arimathea?



**HANDS LEVEL:** *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. What does it mean to come to the light, and how can this be applied in your daily life?
2. What habits or rhythms could help you live as someone who has been *born of the Spirit* (v. 3)?
3. How does this passage challenge our assumptions about who God loves?



**MEMORY VERSE:** John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

*(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)*