

New Born

RELATE

- What from this sermon helped you better live out the reality of your new life in Christ?
- What is one old thing you own that needs to be replaced with a new one?
- Did you feel new or different when you accepted the Lord or were baptized? In what way?

READ & REFLECT

John 3:1-21 Romans 6:3-5

- Nicodemus was a Jewish leader and scholar. Why did he come to Jesus? How did Jesus respond to him? Why did Jesus challenge him so directly?
- What point is Jesus making by comparing spiritual new life and birth to the wind? How does this confuse Nicodemus? How does Jesus account for Nicodemus' lack of understanding?
- What makes it hard for people today to understand the new life that is available for those who believe in Jesus? How would you explain to someone what it means to be "born again"?
- What does baptism represent and reenact? If you have been baptized, what process did you go through to make the decision to be baptized? How has your baptism affected your spiritual growth?
- How can we live as newborn people when our circumstances stay the same? What from our old life should we throw out? What should we keep?
- Is there someone you have a hard time imagining becoming a new person by faith in Christ? What makes it so hard? What is the difference between receiving the new life that Jesus offers, and adopting new habits to become a better person?
- Have you ever attended a funeral where there was no hope of eternal life? What was that like? How did that experience affect you? What difference does the hope of resurrection make for you?
- How has Jesus made you new? How do you view your past life? What gives you the most comfort and hope regarding your future?

RESPOND

- How can your group pray for you this week? What area of your life needs to be made new, where you need to live in the reality and hope of the resurrection? Be as specific as possible. Take time to pray for each other's concerns before you leave. Check in with each other during the week, and share any answered prayers at your next meeting.
- Recite 2 Corinthians 5:17: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.