

House Church Gathering Discussion Questions
Sunday September 13, 2026
"Can I explore this privately first?" (The Digital Soul)

Scripture: John 3:1-8

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Summary: Sunday's message looked at the story of Nicodemus in John 3:1–8 to show that it is okay to approach Jesus with questions, uncertainty, and even privately held curiosity. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, possibly because he was not ready to be seen seeking answers, yet Jesus welcomed his questions and patiently challenged him to think more deeply about God and spiritual transformation. For today's seekers, this reminds us that faith does not have to begin with certainty or a public commitment. We can explore, ask honest questions, and investigate who Jesus is without pretending to have everything figured out. But exploration is meant to lead somewhere: beyond simply gathering information about Jesus toward personally encountering and responding to Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
2. Have you ever explored something before telling anyone about it?
3. What questions about God or Jesus would you want to explore privately?
4. Why do you think Jesus didn't reject Nicodemus when he didn't understand?
5. What do you think Jesus meant by being "born again"?