The Word Became Flesh: A Journey Through the Gospel of John

How Can a Person Be Born Again?
a discussion around John 2:23-3:9

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name as they observed His signs which He was doing. But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all people, and because He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

*3 Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless someone is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."***

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a person be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother's womb a second time and be born, can he?"

*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.** Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit."***

Nicodemus responded and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

Directions for Modified Lectio:

1. Read the verses slowly by yourself and take time to contemplate the meaning of each word.

2. Share your observations with your group.

3. Read the verses again, listening for what the Spirit is speaking to you through them.

4. Share what you heard with your group and try to discern what the Spirit might be saying to our church through these words today.

5. Select a spokesperson to share what your group is hearing for the church, and decide what they will say.

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