

DISCOURSE WITH NICODEMUS (John 3:1-21)

Theme: Born again

Subject: How to Enter the Kingdom of God

Important symbols:

Nicodemus--

Pharisee--

Jesus--

night--

1. **Born again (from above, anew)** “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”
2. **Born of water and spirit..**”Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit...” Analogy of the wind.
3. **Ascended into heaven and descended from heaven..** “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.”
4. **The only begotten:** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son...”
5. **Lifted up the serpent:** As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.
6. **Condemned ... believed:**“Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe in him are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God”

Questions:

1. Who is Nicodemus in you?
2. Why does Nicodemus come to Jesus by night?
3. What does it mean to be born again? How does this show up in your life?
4. What is believing?
5. What is denial?
6. What is the role of affirmative prayer?

Basic Instructions for spiritual unfoldment:

1. Continuously **practice** spiritual renewal through silence, denial and affirmation.
2. Cultivate your **understanding** of the divine nature of yourself and all of creation.
3. Allow this perception to guide you through life in all that you do. What perspective does that give you for life?
4. Remember that your understanding of the Truth is between you and God. Renew both your experience and understanding on a daily basis.