

February 9th, 2025

Nicodemus & John the Baptist
John 3:1-36

OVERVIEW

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John's commentary. John 3:16-21

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John the Baptist gives testimony of Jesus. John 3:22-30

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Some Things To Think About

Spiritual transformation is an _____.
_____. John 3:3

We respond to God's love through _____.
John 3:16-18; 1John 3:19-20; 24

As our _____
increases so does our discipleship. John 3:30

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

How did you become a Christian? Were you more like John the Baptist, believing as a young child? Or were you more like Nicodemus, believing after seeking answers to many questions?

Do you tend to look at being "born again" as a moment in time that you look back to or as a daily practice? What difference does it make in regard to assurance of salvation?

Read John 3:1-15. What things stand out to you from the dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus?

Read John 3:31-36. According to John, why is Jesus superior to any person? Why is that important?

What did John the Baptist mean when he said, "He must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30) In what ways does Jesus slowly become "greater" in our lives? What are some areas of your life where you struggled to let Jesus reign in a greater way?



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