YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

John 3:1–8

Key Verse: 3:3

1. How is Nicodemus introduced? (1) What did it mean to be a “Pharisee”? (10) A member of the Jewish ruling council? How did these things make it unusual for him to come to Jesus? Why at night? (2a)

2. How did Nicodemus begin the conversation? (2b) What did he believe about Jesus, and on what basis? Why do you think he began speaking to Jesus like this?

3. Read verse 3. Why do you think Jesus spoke to Nicodemus this way? (2:23–25) What does it mean to “see” God’s kingdom? Why might Nicodemus especially have needed to see it?

4. Read verse 3 again. What does it mean to be “born again”? (5; 1:12–13) Why must we be born again, regardless of our age, religious or social background, before we can see God’s kingdom?

5. How did Nicodemus interpret this, and why? (4) Why did Jesus suddenly use the word “enter”? (5) What does it mean to be born of “water” and “the Spirit”? How does this happen in us?

6. How did Jesus try to help him? (6) Why should this not have been surprising to him? (7) How is being born of the Spirit like the wind? (8) Why did Nicodemus especially need to hear this? In light of the above study, how can we experience new birth?