

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

RECREATED IN CHRIST

GOD'S MASTERPIECE SERIES — LESSON 1 (JOHN 3:1-7)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was Nicodemus?

- He was a very religious man, called a Pharisee.
- He was a member of the Jewish ruling council.
- He was like a pastor or a priest; he knew a lot about the Scriptures.

2. Why might have Nicodemus visited Jesus at night?

- He studied the Scriptures, but he still had questions.
- The Pharisees were developing a hatred for Jesus, and His teachings.
- The Bible doesn't tell us why Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Here might be some reasons why;
 - He was afraid to be seen with Jesus, because of the Pharisees.
 - He could have wanted a more intimate conversation with Jesus alone.

3. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus he had to do to see the kingdom of God?

- Jesus stated that no one could see the kingdom of God unless he was born again.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant by His statement?

- Nicodemus was puzzled by Jesus' statement. He thought Jesus meant someone had to enter his mother's womb a second time to be born.
- But that was not what Jesus meant by being born again.

5. What kind of birth was Jesus talking about?

- Spiritual birth, which comes from believing that Jesus Christ is your Savior, and receiving the Holy Spirit into your heart.
- *"Jesus answered, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. No one can enter God's kingdom unless they are born with water and the Holy Spirit.'" John 3:5 (NIRV)*
- To be born of water does not refer to baptism here. The water represents being cleaned of sin. When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven and forgotten. The Holy Spirit is God's power in our lives to help us become the new person He wants us to be.

6. How are we recreated in Christ?

- You are spiritually born again when you become a believer in Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit enters your heart.
- It's like a butterfly. A caterpillar wraps itself in a cocoon, and then emerges as a beautiful butterfly.
- A caterpillar is like a person before he/she becomes a believer in Christ.
- The cocoon is like when a person becomes a believer, and the Holy Spirit enters his/her life.
- The butterfly is like how a person is changed when he/she believes in Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- As believers, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us in a Godly life!

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LESSON 1 PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

2. As a new creation, what are some ways the Holy Spirit can guide you in your life?

- Love one another. (i.e. family, housemates, staff, co-workers, etc.)
- Forgive others who do us wrong. (see *Romans 12:14; 19-21*)
- Serve God by serving other people.
- Read the Bible.
- Pray on a daily basis.
- Be in Christian community. (i.e. church, Friendship group)

3. When are we afraid to let others know we follow Jesus?

- When people make fun of us for our faith.
- We don't want to "offend" people.
- We might be afraid to share our faith at work; with family who aren't believers; even in our homes.
- We need to remember that God is with us always. (see *Matt. 28:20*)
- Rely on the Holy Spirit to give us the boldness to share our faith, and the words to say.