



a. _____.

b. _____.

8. What are the common themes that appear in both the story of Nicodemus and John the Baptist?

Personal Reflection

1. What does a study like this teach you about the role of telling others about your faith in Christ and how should this shape the priorities of the church?
2. What practical changes do you need to make based on this study?

Looking Ahead

Next week's message will focus on John 20. Take time to read the chapter and come prepared as we study how this passage becomes one of the defining truths of the Christian faith and what it means for those who embrace it.

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Life Group Study Notes

Message from Sunday October 20, 2013
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Study based
on
John 3:1-36

This Week's Message

In this message we look at a chapter that contains what is likely the most popular verse in the Bible. From it, we learn how Jesus came to answer and resolve the most pressing questions about life, religion, and eternity.

Study

Read John 3:1-36

1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

2. In verses 1-21 we have Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus. Here we have the first usage of the term, "born-again." Based on this text, how are we to understand what being born again means?

3. How is judgment presented and defined in this section?

4. In this section we learn about being born-again, God's love in sending his Son, the punishment for those who refuse to believe and how we love darkness. Why are these topics so unusual in the context of Jesus speaking to Nicodemus? Why is this significant?

5. Verses 22-36 contain the second story in Chapter 3. How does John the Baptist portray himself, especially in relationship to Jesus? What applications can we make for our own lives?

6. In the message there were 4 religious questions that this chapter helps to answer. What were they and take time to discuss each?

a. _____.

b. _____.

c. _____.

d. _____.

7. In the message it was noted that John 3 is the heart of the Gospel story. What constitutes the four parts of the Gospel and take a moment to discuss each?

a. _____.

b. _____.