

9-6 Connect Group Lesson

Welcome

Opening Question: When did you first become aware of your need for a Savior? OR, when is a time that you were left out or left behind?

Worship

Word

Read John 3:1-21 and answer the following questions.

- 1) Who came to see Jesus? What is significant about this meeting?
- 2) Why does Nicodemus believe that Jesus is from God?
- 3) In verse 3, what does Jesus tell Nicodemus is necessary to see the Kingdom of God? What is Nicodemus' response?
- 4) What is said about being born from above (or born again) in verses 3-8?
- 5) Look at verses 9-13. Why do you think that Nicodemus is having difficulty understanding? What else do you see here?
- 6) Read verses 14 and 15. What Old Testament story is Jesus referencing? If necessary, turn to Numbers 21:6-9. What comparison is Jesus making?
- 7) John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses in the Bible. Read verses 16-18 in context. How would you explain the message of these verses?
- 8) Jesus contrasts the people who remain in darkness with those who come into the light. What stands out to you?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Nicodemus is like a lot of people. They think that they are on the right side of things. They do not understand their need for a Savior or to be born again. Why do you think this is so?
- 2) Why is it essential that we understand our need for a Savior?
- 3) How are verses 14 and 15 a foreshadowing of Christ's sacrifice?
- 4) In sharing the good news with others, it is necessary to explain mankind's need, God's provision, and personal response. What has been effective in helping you communicate these truths?
- 5) What other verses or passages stand out to you in sharing the gospel?
- 6) Turn to Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, and 1 Peter 3:15. Read the following verses together. What are they saying?

Works

Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with the people God has placed in your life. Consider how your group might encourage one another to be more effective (individually and as a group) in the completion of this.