



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Born Again | Part 1

John 3:1-15 | Apr 19, 2026



John 3:1-21 - ¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. What do we learn about Nicodemus (his position, knowledge, and character) in John 3:1-2?

2. What statement does Jesus repeat in John 3:3 and 5? What does He say is required to "see" and "enter" the Kingdom of God?

3. How does Nicodemus misunderstand Jesus' words in John 3:4?

4. According to John 3:5-6, what contrast does Jesus make between "flesh" and "Spirit"?

5. What analogy does Jesus use in John 3:8 to describe the work of the Spirit? What characteristics of the wind are highlighted in this verse?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why is Nicodemus' religious status insufficient for entering the Kingdom of God?

2. What does "born again" (or "born from above") reveal about the nature of salvation?
