



Your story matters.



Nic At *Night*

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MESSAGE NOTES

What did _____ have to say to ordinary people like you and me?

What did _____ do in people's lives?

Why did Jesus talk about the need to be *born again* (born from _____...*re-birth*); and what does it actually mean to be _____ and have a *new birth*?

1. Why Do We Need a New _____?

Jesus gave a spiritual _____ lesson to a very significant and distinguished individual (note [John 3:1](#)).

Jesus referred to him as *Israel's teacher*..._____ *Teacher of Israel*.

Note [John 3:2,3](#)

What was Nicodemus hoping to _____?

The key is knowing _____ to get the latest word from God and from _____

Nicodemus discovered (and we can, too) that Jesus is the right _____ in our search for truth and for God.

Instead of congratulating him for his religious performance, Jesus told him that his religious pursuits were _____

Note [John 3:4](#)

Note [John 3:5-8](#)

Born of _____ = purified, cleansing, repentance.

Born of _____ = rebirth, regeneration.

Note [Isaiah 64:6b](#)

We don't need a self-improvement program, a self-help _____, or a set of rules/rituals.

We need the spiritual transformation Jesus offers as a _____.

2. How Can We _____ the New Birth?

Note [John 3:9-15](#)

Nicodemus had to understand that his religious background, training, and practices didn't make him a _____ person.

Note [Numbers 21](#) (especially vs. 8).

Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

Jesus _____:

- ...pays the _____ for our sin.
- ...can give us a new beginning.
- ...can _____ our lives.
- ...gives the gift of eternal life.
- ...can give us a new birth and a new _____.
- Note [John 3:16](#)
- God's love is so great for us that Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, and freely offers us the greatest gift of all, _____.
- We can experience the new birth Jesus spoke of.

*Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: How have you been staying healthy and productively occupied amongst the current restrictions where you live? (We're assuming the best of you all! 😊)

1. If you could ask Jesus a question about His interaction with Nicodemus, what would it be? [John 3:4](#)
2. If you're willing, share the story of your spiritual rebirth. How did you come to the realization that you needed Jesus, not just "religion"? [John 3:5-8](#)
3. Who in your life needs to know the truth of [John 3:9-15](#)? Read the passage, then stop and jot down the name(s) God brings to your mind and ask Him for opportunities to have those conversations.
4. How do you know for sure that your story matters to God despite anything in your past, present or future? Read [John 3:16-17](#). Share your response with the group.

Day One: [Luke 2](#)

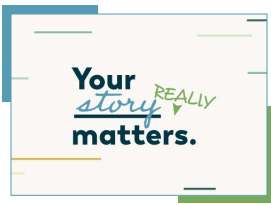
Day Two: [Luke 3](#)

Day Three: [Luke 4](#)

Day Four: [Luke 5](#)

Day Five: [Luke 6](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE



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Jesus alone:

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