

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 6 (John 2:23-3:21)

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Main Idea: This week Robin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus explaining that one must be "born again" to enter the Kingdom of God.

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1. Jesus knows us all, inside and out (v 2:23-3:2)
2. You must be born again (v 3:3-8)
3. The Son of Man must be lifted up (v 3:15-16)
4. Genuine believers receive eternal life (v3:16-21)

Key Text/Quotes:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

"Are you trying to save yourself? You may as well try to give birth to yourself. You cannot do it. But God can!" Robin

"He (Jesus) knew all people. He knew what was in man. And he still does. He knows us inside and out. God is omniscient. He knows the hearts of all, because he formed the hearts of all. He knows each of us; he knows our motives; what we're thinking; even at this moment." Robin

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 2:23-3:21 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the reality that God knows all things. What are some of the implications for us, both good and bad?
3. What do you think may have motivated Nicodemus to come and talk to Jesus? How did Jesus show love for him? What did Jesus say and why did he say it?
4. What did Jesus mean by saying that one must be "born again"? Reflect on your own natural birth. What part did you play in it? (Hint: Not much!)
5. Re-read John 3:15-16. What makes it possible for sinners to be "born again," and what are the benefits?
6. How often do you think of eternal life? How might considering and meditating on the reality of eternal life in Jesus help us each day?
7. Embracing the reality that we are "born again" or "born of the Spirit" affects our experience of the Christian life. Read Galatians 3:1-7 and discuss how Paul had to remind the believers there that they had lost sight of this reality.
8. Close your time in prayer giving thanks to God the Father, Son, and Spirit for being born again.

