



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

**Nicodemus – The moral leader who needed to be born again (John 3:1-21)**


1. We must be born again (v.1-8)

An illustration showing two hands in silhouette holding a glowing, bright orb. The background is filled with colorful, soft bokeh lights in shades of purple, blue, and green.

2. We must believe in Jesus (v.9-18)

A silhouette of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ against a dramatic sky with a sunset or sunrise, featuring warm orange and yellow tones.

3. We must come into the light (v.19-21)

An illustration of a person's silhouette standing in the center of a large, bright, circular light source, creating a strong backlight effect and a lens flare.

## **Questions for our discipleship groups and personal reflection**

### **We must be born again**

#### **Read John 3:1-8**

When Nicodemus first approached Jesus, what do you think he wanted?

Why did Jesus tell Nicodemus that he must be born again?

Why is it a challenge to our pride that we cannot bring anything to God to make ourselves acceptable to Him? On the flipside, why is it such a comfort that we don't need to?

### **We must believe in Jesus**

#### **Read John 3:9-18**

Why do Jesus (and John) emphasise the need to 'believe' in him?

How does the story of the bronze snake (Numbers 21:4-9) help us to understand how belief equals faith?

So, to believe in Jesus is to be born again. What are some of the indicators to others that someone is 'born again'?

If God sent Jesus because He loved the world, let's spend some time praying for Jesus to be known across the world, particularly for our PBC mission partners.

### **We must come into the light**

#### **Read John 3:19-21**

Why do people find it difficult to come into the light, according to these verses?

What brought you into the light? How might you help others come into the light?

Even as a believer, are there still some sins that you're hiding in dark places? Why are Christians called to "Confess your sins to each other?" (James 5:16)?