

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

This study guide is intended to be used for personal study and within your community group to facilitate discussion.

Read John 3:1-8

- (1) What intrigues you about Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus?**
- (2) After reading this passage and listening to Nicodemus' conversation with Jesus, how would you describe what it means to be "born again?"**
- (3) Like Nicodemus, has Jesus ever challenged something you were once certain of?**
 - a. What challenges did you face needing to re-think things?**
 - b. Has this been an on-going process?**
- (4) The Pharisees maintained a very closed system of belief and practice. Yet, though a Pharisee, Nicodemus came to Jesus with his "eyes open," willing to allow Jesus to challenge what he had always held as true.**
 - a. What do you think had to occur in Nicodemus to arrive at this level of vulnerability with Jesus?**
 - b. What did he stand to gain? To lose?**
 - c. We must be willing to do the same!**
 - i. Take time to pray for eyes to perceive and participate in God's Kingdom (Jn 3:3-5)**