

JESUS THE RABBI

WORSHIP

Read and reflect upon Psalm 121

FELLOWSHIP

Who was/is one of your favorite teachers? What qualities did they possess that set them apart?

Are there more wheels or doors in the world?

DISCUSSION

1. Read John 3:1-3

a. Why do you believe Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

2. Jesus says, you must be Born Again (or Born from Above) in order to see the Kingdom of God. To you, what does it mean to be Born Again (or Born from Above)?

3. Read John 3:4-8

a. In what way(s) do you relate to Nicodemus (e.g. religious, embarrassed he didn't know, curious, etc.)?

b. Jesus, the rabbi, begins this important teaching by explaining what it means to be Born Again (vv.5-8) – to you, what may be a bit confusing in this passage?

4. Raymond Brown, a famous biblical scholar summarizes what Jesus says here:

We shall be mistaken if we fail to recognize the basic simplicity of the ideas involved. A man takes on flesh and enters the kingdom of the world because his father begets him; a man can enter the kingdom of God only when he is begotten by a heavenly Father.

5. Read John 3:14-17

a. Our mysterious transformation into the image of our Father begins when we recognize the simple truth of these verses.

6. In your life who was responsible for teaching you these integral Gospel truths (e.g. Sunday school teacher, youth pastor, parent, mentor, etc.) – share a bit about them with your group.

7. Would someone be willing to share a time when they shared the Gospel with someone else?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time.

Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with? Pray for group, church, and community needs.

