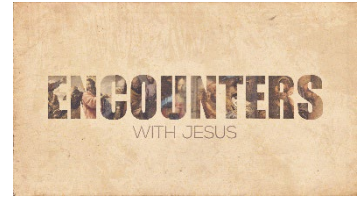


Encounters with Jesus

Curious Leader

John 3:1-21

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 1/12/25



Opening Thought Questions:

What can we learn about God and ourselves from Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus?

Whosoever may come. (2:23-3:3)

He gives spiritual Life. (3:4-8)

He makes a Way. (3:9-17)

He reveals Truth. (3:18-21)

How have I related to Jesus, the Light of the World?

Further Study

Jn. 2:23-25

Is. 44:3-5
Ez. 37:9-10

Num. 21:5-9
Rom. 5:12-21
2 Cor. 5:21

Jn. 6:35
Jn. 8:12
Jn. 10:11
Jn. 10:7
Jn. 11:25
Jn. 14:6
Jn. 15:1
Acts 16:31
Jn. 6:44

Next Week: Encounters with Jesus – Despairing Mother (Matt. 15:21-28)

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<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – John 3:1-21</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can we come to know or learn about God through Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus? 2. What are some truths about us that we come to learn through Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus? 3. In what ways did Jesus challenge Nicodemus' thinking and understanding about the Kingdom of God? Why was Nicodemus so unsettled by Jesus' response? 4. Read the account in Numbers 21:5-9 about the Brazen Serpent and make comparisons to Jesus and his ministry. Then take time to read and discuss Romans 5:12-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. How are they connected? What do they teach us about the ministry of Jesus? How is this all significant to Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus? 5. What is the judgment that Jesus declares in John 3:18-21? How is this statement relatable to the encounter that Jesus is having with Nicodemus? How is it relatable to our spiritual lives? Share or journal about the moment that you came out of darkness into the light of Christ. <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Jn. 2:23-25 Is. 44:3-5 Ez. 37:9-10 Num. 21:5-9 Rom. 5:12-21 2 Cor. 5:21 Jn. 6:35 Jn. 8:12 Jn. 10:11 Jn. 10:7 Jn. 11:25 Jn. 14:6 Jn. 15:1 Acts 16:31 Jn. 6:44</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>