

Growth Group Lesson: March 2-3, 2024

Title: Invitation to Hope, Pt 1 - “Look to Christ and Live” - John 3:1-21

Big Idea: Repent from the Darkness and Believe in the Light.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

Nicodemus shares claims he believes about Jesus. What are things that you know to be true about who Jesus is? Share those truths with scripture references.

Read John 3:1-15. How would you use this passage to define what it means to be “born again”?

Is there someone in your life that you’re praying would receive this kind of conversion and be born again?

Read Ezekiel 36:25-26. What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about yourself? What do you learn about your need for a Savior?

Jesus references Numbers 21:4-9 in John 3:14-15. The people were saved/healed by looking up at the pole. What does it practically look like for you to look to Jesus and keep your eyes on him?

In what ways have you been looking to yourself instead of looking to Christ?

- (We must repent of trying to save ourselves.)
- How have you been trying to build an identity apart from God? How has that produced restlessness in your life?

Read John 3:16-18. How has your life been changed by placing your hope in Jesus as your LORD and Savior?

John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses in the Bible. How does understanding the surrounding context increase your understanding of it?

Read John 3:19-21. Where is God asking you to reach out to your friends, neighbors, or community in a way to shine the light of Christ?

What happened to Nicodemus after this conversation with Jesus?

“Next Steps” Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

With God:

What areas of your life are you still walking in darkness? Spend some time this week praying Psalm 139:23-24.

With Others:

In community this week, would you discuss your struggle against temptation and sin?

- James 5:16 says to confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.
- Can we weep with those who weep, and pray for those who are struggling?

On Mission:

Write down someone's name that you're going to be intentional about praying for, serving, and inviting them into this invitation to Hope.

- Discuss how you can serve that person and what questions you can ask them to further good dialogue with them.