

Home Group One to One Series

Week 1 Nicodemus: John 3 :1-21

Introduction

Who would you like to have a 1-1 with and why?

In today's culture it is emphasised how important a 1-1 is in any relationship- whether it is friends, spouses or parents and children.

In this study we look at Nicodemus seeking out Jesus in order to have a one to one.

Read John 3:1-21

1. What do we know about Nicodemus?

The Sanhedrin is the High Council and Nicodemus was one of its members. Most Pharisees were jealous of Jesus because they felt he undermined their authority and challenged their views.

2. Why do you think Nicodemus came at night? What may this tell us about Nicodemus? How should we treat 'seekers' who wish to remain under the radar?
3. Nicodemus approached Jesus with respect and stated that he knew that Jesus had come from God. However, Jesus wastes no time in preliminaries. What is the reason for this? Read John 2:23-25.
4. Why does Jesus immediately proclaim what is needed to enter the Kingdom of God? Is this a good approach to follow? Give reasons to support your answer.
5. Nicodemus does not understand what Jesus is saying and in v9 Jesus underlines the fact that although Nicodemus is a teacher he still doesn't understand. Nicodemus understands a spiritual concept in an earthly manner. How can this

knowledge encourage us in persevering with family and friends who don't yet understand the gospel.

6. What does verse 8 tell us about the sovereignty of God and the work of the Trinity?
7. Verses 13 and 14 may seem difficult to us but Nicodemus an OT scholar would have understood the message of salvation clearly. *You may want to read Numbers 21:4-9.* How does Jesus clarify this message in verse 16?
8. Why would the truth of verse 16 be difficult for Nicodemus to accept? What does it mean for us personally and worldwide evangelism?
9. If you had a one to one with Jesus today what might He say that you would find it difficult to accept?

Read John 19:38-42. What a great ending to the One to One with Jesus!

Prayer Points

- *Pray for all who are seeking the truth.*
- *Pray for anyone you know who is finding belief in God difficult.*
- *Pray for courses held in our church and churches across the world- Christianity explained; Christianity explored; baptism courses; Alpha etc*
- *Pray for each other that we may be effective on our frontlines.*