



Life Group Study Guide
April 15-16, 2017
Dismissing Jesus: You Must Be Born Again
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Reference:

Open in prayer and read John 3:1-8.

Review:

What was one thing from the Easter message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. What are some of the characteristics or traits that have been passed down through the generations by those who have been born into your family?
2. The term "born again" is one that is sometimes mocked in modern culture, to the point that some Christian leaders have advised people to avoid using it. What is your reaction to the term "born again"? Why do you think some people react negatively to it?
3. If someone is born again, it means you begin a new, spiritual life that you did not have before. We also see this idea in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. When have you seen this kind of change take place in a person who became a Christian?
4. Refer to your message notes. In this weekend's message we heard that Jesus dispelled 3 myths, the myth of negotiation, association, and differentiation. Which of these have you struggled with most in your own faith journey?
5. As a Jewish leader, Nicodemus would have believed that human birth into the Jewish community was the ticket into the Kingdom of God. Jesus refutes that with his statement about being born from above spiritually. What is your understanding of the "entrance requirements" to be born into the Kingdom of God?
6. In John 3:3 Jesus said that unless someone is born again, he or she can't "see the kingdom of God." Why do you think he used that language verses saying you can't "go to heaven" if you aren't born again?

Respond/Reinforce:

Have you been "born again?" If not, consider talking with your Life Group Leader, or someone from your Life Group, about what that would mean for you. If you still have questions, take some time this week to pray and ask God to reveal His truth to you. Again, get connected with someone from Orchard Hill who has been walking in their faith for a while and consider talking with them about how they resolved their own questions.