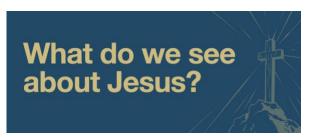


## November 3, 2024 *Unless One is Born from Above*John 3:1-15

What "Born Again" doesn't mean:	Being "Born Again":
It's not a result of a religious upbringing or act	• Is not accomplished by personal effort, but happens by the Spirit (vs. 5-6)
It's not just a mere acceptance of the Bible	Happens at God's initiative (Ez. 36-37)
It's not just a moving experience	• Is a universal need (vs. 7)
• It's not just a renewed desire to do "more"	• Is evidenced by receiving and believing in Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13)
It's not a gradual process	,

- 1. What part of the text/message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged? Intrigued? Challenged?
- 2. Nicodemus struggled to understand Jesus' teaching. How do we sometimes struggle in a similar way when it comes to spiritual truths?
- 3. In what ways to we, like Nicodemus, sometimes rely on intellectual understanding rather than spiritual revelation?
- 4. How does Ezekiel 36-37 help us understand the idea of being "born from above"?
- 5. How do you know you are "born from above?" How can we discern between external factors (religious upbringing, a moving experience, etc) and God's work of giving us new life?



Jesus teaches that new birth is absolutely necessary (vs. 3, 5, 7).

## Respond to the section "what do we see about Jesus?"

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?