



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

<u>What “Born Again” doesn’t mean:</u>	<u>Being “Born Again”:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It’s not a result of a religious upbringing or act</li> <li>• It’s not just a mere acceptance of the Bible</li> <li>• It’s not just a moving experience</li> <li>• It’s not just a renewed desire to do “more”</li> <li>• It’s not a gradual process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not accomplished by personal effort, but happens by the Spirit (vs. 5-6)</li> <li>• Happens at God’s initiative (Ez. 36-37)</li> <li>• Is a universal need (vs. 7)</li> <li>• Is evidenced by receiving and believing in Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13)</li> </ul>

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?

## What do we see about Jesus?

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?