



GOSPEL OF JOHN

A Small Group Bible Study

CHAPTER 3

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This Bible study is designed for small group study. The small group discussion format for Bible study involves a weekly live discussion of a passage of scripture previously studied individually or with a partner. Ideally, you and your fellow small group members will study and develop answers daily to the six days of study questions, then meet as a group to discuss your answers. Some enjoy working alone to develop their answers, while others such as couples or friends like to work in pairs. At the weekly meetings discussion leaders facilitate the group in answering the questions. The idea is to share insights, explore the Bible together, and benefit from group discussion of biblical principles.

This format is designed to challenge the student to study the Bible on a daily basis, discuss and share insights with others, and learn biblical truths that can be applied in daily life. Daily study can take as little as 15 minutes but is typically 30 minutes. The weekly discussion can easily last an hour, and may easily take 90 minutes or longer with groups that are comfortable or familiar with one another. The facilitator should allow all to share, but keep the group on track and ensure that opinions do not trump the truth of God's Word.

Discussion leaders do not have all the answers and should not be expected to have them – they should be expected to: 1) be knowledgeable on Biblical doctrine; 2) understand how to facilitate group discussion; and 3) know how to say *"I don't know"*. Discussion leaders and students can learn from each other and learn more about the life of Jesus Christ together. It may surprise you how much you can learn from this format. Let me know how it works out for you, I would love to hear from you. God Bless,

Tim Scott

DAY ONE

1. What can we learn of Nicodemus from the following verses from the Gospel of John?

- John 3:1 _____
- John 3:10 _____
- John 7:45-52 _____
- John 19:38-42 _____

2. For what reasons might Nicodemus have come to Jesus at night?

3. Who might Nicodemus mean in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 2 when he says "we"?

DAY TWO

1. Who might Jesus have been referring to when he used the word "we" in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 11?

2. Why did Nicodemus visit Jesus?

3. List 6 spiritual truths stated by Jesus about himself in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verses 13 through 18.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

DAY THREE

1. In the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 14 it states Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. Why did Moses do this?

2. What did Jesus mean when he said *"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."*

3. In the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verses 12 through 18 the word believe occurs 6 times. In verse 15, verse 16 and verse 18 (1st occurrence) state who should believe, what should be believed, and what benefit the belief brings.

DAY FOUR

1. The Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 20 states *“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov’d.”* What does this verse tell us about the heart or conscience of mankind?

2. In the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 31, who is the one who comes from above and the one who is from the earth?

3. From the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verses 25 and 26 what might have been the specific issue of the argument between the disciples of John the Baptist and the Jews?

DAY FIVE

1. In the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 29 who are the bride, the bridegroom, and the Bridegroom's friend?

2. Why did John say in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 verse 30 *"He must increase; but I must decrease."*?

3. How in your life, can you become less and Jesus become greater?

DAY SIX

1. Which verse in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 describes God's love for the world and which verses describe God's love for Jesus Christ?

2. List the different names or natures that are attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John Chapter 3, verses 2, 13, 18, 19, 29, 31, and 34.

3. Cite the 3 verses in the Gospel of John Chapter 3 that clearly and specifically state the idea that whosoever believes in Jesus Christ has eternal life.

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