

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Born of the Spirit”

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Message For your Small Group

Join our church ohana in a 40-day fast that starts on Sat., Oct 13th, and ends on Wed, Nov 21st, the day before Thanksgiving. We fast to help us listen to the Lord and be more sensitive to His promptings as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Choose an item to fast from—a meal, a food item, a drink, or an activity—that, if you skip it, will remind you to pray and meditate on God's Word. Join us!

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-14

- 1) Nicodemus was a spiritual leader, educated, cultured and powerful, so why did he need to seek out Jesus?
- 2) How did Jesus explain being “born again” (verses 5-7)?
- 3) Explain the difference between physical birth and spiritual birth as explained by Jesus.
- 4) Why is it necessary to be born again?
- 5) What’s the connection between Moses lifting up the bronze snake in the desert (Number 21:4-9) and Jesus being lifted up? (John 3:14-15)
- 6) Pick a statement from our Scripture passage that you think a non-Christian may not understand unless it is explained to him/her. Then share how you would re-phrase or explain that verse to the non-Christian.
- 7) Explain why we need to use easy and simple words to tell someone how to become a follower of Jesus.
- 8) Briefly share with your Small Group how you came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you don’t remember the special moment, share instead the time when you got serious about following Him.
- 9) What is your one take-away from the sermon?