

1. Have you ever had a conversation with someone who was not a believer about what it means to be born again? Describe it. What did you find encouraging about the conversation? What were some of the challenges?
2. Read John 3:9–10. Why does Jesus answer the question posed by Nicodemus in the way that he does? How does the question reflect many in our society today?
3. Read John 3:11–13. What does Jesus mean about the difference between earthly things and heavenly things? Why does he remind Nicodemus of the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man?
4. Read John 3:14–15. Why does Jesus reference Numbers 21:4–9 here? Go back and read it in the OT. What is the correlation between the Israelites looking to the bronze serpent and the requirement for humanity to believe in Jesus in order to be born again?
5. Read John 3:16. What does this tell us about God’s motivation and God’s gift? To whom is God’s love directed?
6. Read John 3:17. For what reason does God send the Son? For what reason does he not send the Son? Why is that significant?
7. Read John 3:18–21. How does the world respond to Jesus? In what two ways? What evidence is there to demonstrate how the world responds?
8. Have you been born again? How do you need to respond to Jesus in order to be assured of your salvation? Who do you know that you suspect is yet to be born again? What plans can you make to share with them what Jesus did for them? Take a moment to pray for them right now and plan how you’ll reach out to them.