

L I F E I N H I S N A M E

John 3

Week 3

Day 1

PRAY: Before you begin reading the Word of God, take a moment and ask the Lord to give you wisdom and understanding by His Holy Spirit as you study His word. Proverbs 23:12, "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge."

READ: John 3:1–21

WRITE:

1. Today people are often enamored of celebrities and follow them for all kinds of reasons. When Jesus was on earth, He attracted many followers. Sadly, many only followed Him to see His miracles but never committed their lives to Him in faith. Nicodemus was different though. From John 3:1–21, what did he seek to know? _____

2. What statement of faith does Nicodemus make in verse 2? _____

APPLY:

1. It is easy to follow Jesus for what He will give us or what He will do for us. This area of scripture refers to Jesus Himself, having been given to us by the Father as the son of God. Read what the psalmist proclaimed in Psalm 73:25–26. What does relationship with Jesus afford you more than any other earthly thing He can give you? _____

Take some time to pray and ask God to help you seek to know Jesus and grow in relationship with Him. (See Jeremiah 29:12–13)

2. In John 3:3, Jesus shatters the thought that we can do something to save ourselves or get to heaven on our own merit. What is the only assurance that we are part of God's kingdom, and how does that differ from typical ways people think get them to heaven? _____

Day 2

PRAY: Kneel before the lover of your soul and ask Him to give you spiritual insight into His word.

READ: John 3:1–21

WRITE:

1. Read through verses 3–8 again and underline each portion that speaks of being born again or being born of the Spirit. The word “born” signifies an entrance to life. Jesus uses this word to relate to living in and being a part of His kingdom. Read 2 Peter 1:3–4 and John 1:12. What are some attributes and benefits of one who is born again? _____

APPLY:

1. Being *born again* speaks of our “new life” in Christ. How have you experienced this new life in your walk with the Lord? _____

2. Religion can best be thought of as our attempt to reach God or our attempt to earn God’s approval. But when we become *born again*, God reaches down to us with His amazing grace and we simply receive His love. You heard it right! No amount of church attendance, service, or giving earns you heaven—it’s a gift from God. Can you think of someone that needs desperately to hear this truth and be set free? Pray for an open door of opportunity to share with them.

Day 3

PRAY: Ask the Lord of all creation to open your eyes to the truths in His word.

READ: John 3:9–21

WRITE:

1. John 3:16 is often celebrated as the gospel in a nutshell. From this verse . . .
Who is it that God loves? _____
What did He give as a result of His love? _____
Who is the recipient of God’s love? _____
What is the promise of this verse? _____
2. Verse 17 reveals the heart of God the Father in sending Jesus. What was God’s purpose? _____

3. Clearly, we have a choice to make about our future. From verses 18–21, what does that choice involve? _____

APPLY:

1. How did God first show His love to you? _____

2. How can we respond to God’s love in our actions? (See 1 John 3:16–23) _____

Day 4

PRAY: Ask the Father to give you understanding according to His word. (Psalm 119:169)

READ: John 3:22–36

WRITE:

1. What were John’s disciples concerned about in verses 25 and 26? _____

2. How does that differ from what John is concerned about in verses 27–30? _____

APPLY:

1. As God’s children, we are not in competition when it comes to our gifts and callings. Write out John’s perspective in verse 30, and what that means. _____

2. How can John’s perspective become yours as you serve God? _____

Day 5

PRAY: As you get ready to spend time in God’s word, ask God to direct you into all truth.

READ: John 3:22-36

WRITE:

1. In John’s reply to his disciples, he turns their hearts from the trivial dispute of man’s words and knowledge and puts the focus on God’s power and authority above all. Write what you see pertaining to His sovereignty in the following verses:
v. 27 _____
v. 28 _____
v. 29 _____
v. 31 _____
v. 34 _____
v. 35 _____

APPLY:

1. Take a moment to pray about the things that concern you today; entrust them into the care of the God who is above all.
2. According to John 3:34, God gives us His Spirit without measure. (See also John 1:16) His Spirit is available to us generously and boundlessly! Read John 14:15–18. In various versions, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Comforter, Helper, and Advocate; the presence and help of God with us. Jesus taught us in Luke 11 to ask for His Holy Spirit. Take a moment now to ask for your Comforter and Helper—the Holy Spirit—to fill you with all His fullness.

