



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 3:1-10 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. How did John describe Nicodemus?

A Pharisee, a leader of the Jews, and THE teacher of Israel. He came to Jesus by night.

2. What did Nicodemus believe about Jesus?

He believed Jesus was a teacher who had come from God, because no one could do what Jesus did apart from the presence of God.

3. What must happen before someone can see the kingdom of God?

The must be born again, born anew, or born from above.

4. What do you think it means to be born of water and Spirit?

To be born of water means to repent of your sins and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. To be born of the Spirit means to believe in and receive Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Son of God, and your Lord and Savior. The truth of and about Jesus and the Holy Spirit work together in bringing about this new birth.

5. How much must someone know about how a person is born again before they can be born again?

They do not need to know how the Holy Spirit works. They only need to know that the Holy Spirit will be involved when they are born again and that Jesus expects them to believe in Him and receive Him as the Bible teaches, and thus become a child of God—a person who is born again.

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